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RAISING OUR SIGHTS.

Sample polls are of doubtful value in predicting a close political race, but as an indication of a trend they are usually worth attention. A recent survey of the public's gardening intentions made by the federal bureau of agricultural economics is of special interest because, while it revealed a drop of three per cent in the number of gardens in 1945 from the year 1944, it indicated that more persons expected to garden in 1946 than in 1945.

In the survey 3,000 samples were taken from seven metropolitan areas and forty-seven counties — areas which experience had shown were a representative cross section of the United States.

The predicted increase in gardening this year over 1945 was contrary to expectations; a drop in the size and number of gardens seemed probable because of the end of the war and rationing. The figures actually indicated that forty-three per cent of the nonfarm families interviewed planned to garden in 1946, compared to forty-one per cent last year, and that ninety-one per cent of the farm families planned gardens this season, compared to eighty-three per cent in 1945.

Last year, by the survey, 18,400,000 gardens were reported. With the indicated increase and with the likely addition of gardens cultivated by at least a million returned married servicemen, prediction of 19,500,000 or 20,000,000 gardens in 1946 seems reasonable, according to the Department of Agriculture figures.

That prediction seems the more reasonable inasmuch as the survey was made before the current proclamations on food production and restricted consumption in this country because of the famine conditions in Europe. The survey was made, also, before the national garden conference at Washington, D. C., which may be expected to stimulate garden activities throughout the country.

In short, the end of the war brings, not a shrinkage in gardening interest on the part of the public, but evidence of certain continuation and probable increase.

As agricultural conditions improve the world over, emphasis will shift from food production to home im-

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provement, from vegetable plots to ornamental gardens.

In the face of this enlargement of public attention to plants, is it not time for the individual nurseryman, as well as for the industry as a whole, to disregard sales volume and production figures of prewar years in setting his sights for the seasons ahead? If our output and our distributive organization are set only for the last normal year—whenever that was—we are likely to lag behind the prospective market.

Some nursery firms are, indeed, looking ahead with a view to expanding their facilities to serve a larger gardening public and to serve it better. Outsiders are being attracted to this field by its rosy market prospects. Yet these will care for only part of the thousands of communities that will demand more in the way of plants than ever before. Each individual nurseryman would do well to survey his territory and note the change in his market prospects since the day when he last engaged in active selling, instead of dodging customers. Then he will, in most cases, be impelled to raise his sights in shooting for sales volume records in the seasons to come.

We can develop the market set before us by 20,000,000 gardeners, so as to add shade trees, shrubs, hedges and perennial borders to their home grounds. But if we are not ready, the present vegetable gardeners may feel the necessity of filling their needs with flower seed packets later; seedling trees will be planted where specimens should be, and trifling shrubs will fill spots others deserve. We may not only miss making sales; we may miss the opportunity of expanding our market when it is before

QUARANTINE PROBLEMS.

The revision of the plant quarantine law of 1912 and quarantine 37 proposed by the American Association of Nurserymen and endorsed at several meetings of the trade in recent months is likely to arouse no more than passing interest on the part of the average reader. That such revision is of importance is indicated by the text of the resolution passed at the meeting of the National Plant Board, reported in the April 1 issue of this magazine.

Few of us recognize how modern transportation has affected international relations and shortened distances across continents. The marvels of transportation wrought during the war will be translated into commerce, with an effect that not many yet realize.

How this will affect those concerned with plant crops in this country is set forth with unusual clarity in the address, published in this issue. presented by the president of the Central Plant Board at its recent meeting. The magnitude of the problems which may be raised by the expansion of our foreign commerce in the years immediately ahead is brought home to us. The importance of the subject, not just to state regulatory officials, but to nurserymen and gardeners, professional and amateur, throughout the country warrants careful reading of Dr. Drake's address, with some thought as to the action that may be needed to meet the problem.

PLAN TOWN MEMORIAL.

All the nurserymen of the town of Abington, Mass., recently voted to cooperate in a joint building of the memorial plan at the high school and Legion property. Donald D. Wyman, of the Bay State Nurseries, was chosen chairman of the committee, with other members including Sterling Myrick, of the Littlefield-Wyman Nursery; Louis A. Reardon, of Arch street; Charles F. Hohman, of Washington street, and Harold Stevenson, of the Bay State Nurseries. Later the joint plan was presented to the town board of trustees for approval. It is hoped to have the project, the first living memorial to be constructed in the state, done in late spring.

U.S.D.A. APPROVES USE OF DDT INSECTICIDES.

Use of certain types of DDT insecticides as a means of treating potting soil in nursery plots to meet certification requirements of the Japanese beetle quarantine regulations has been approved by Dr. P. N. Annand, chief of the bureau of entomology and plant quarantine of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Nurserymen and greenhouse operators within the Japanese beetle regulated area who are interested in the new method of treatment may obtain detailed information from the bureau's field headquarters at 503 Main street, East Orange, N. J., or from their local Japanese beetle in spector.

Announce Regional Prize Competition for Designs of Small Home Grounds

The announcement in this issue of a prize contest for designs of small home grounds carries more than the offer of awards for meritorious planting plans. From it may come a better type of planting on the grounds of the hundreds of thousands of modest homes that are to be built in the next few years. With the cooperation of the National Landscape Nurserymen's Association, the American Nurseryman sponsors this contest, the rules of which appear on the following two pages, in the expectation of affording nurserymen of the country-and through them the present and prospective owners of small homes throughout the country—timely and valuable planting suggestions through the publication of the prize-winning designs and any others that may be meritorious.

The demand for small homes has led to many efforts to formulate practical architectural plans in the modern style. Builders' organizations and lumber companies have already provided dealers and contractors with architectural plans for small homes of various modern types. Among newspapers, the Chicago Tribune recently completed a prize contest for such architectural designs, which brought forth a considerable number of original and practical plans. Such efforts as these will make available to builders of small homes excellent architectural plans at small cost and will enhance the character of the dwellings to be erected.

Similarly the builders of small homes might be given assistance in the planting of the grounds, with several results — better plantings, more attractive communities and larger sale of nursery stock.

Planting designs for these small homes of modern types are not now available. Stock plans that appeared in books on landscape design and planting—most of which are now out of print, anyway—were not suitable for the current style of small home architecture, usually of low spreading type. Besides being unavailable, most of them are out of date.

In recent years, moreover, more practical types of landscape designs for small homes have developed from the experience of landscape and nursery firms, upon whom has fallen most of the work of preparing plans—when they were prepared—for the

grounds of dwellings of modest size. This contest will be of special interest to the designers in the employ of such firms. At the same time participation in the contest is expected from practicing landscape architects and any other designers—it is open to all

To encourage the widest participation, the contest has been reduced to as simple terms as possible. On the following two pages appear the floor plans and elevations of four types of houses-modern, ranch, Cape Cod and colonial. These plans appear in the scale of one-sixteenth inch to the foot. Designs are to be submitted in that scale, in India ink, on opaque white paper, each plan complete on a sheet 131/2x20 inches. Thus the floor plan and elevation of a given house will be transferred to the sheet in the same dimensions as printed here, and the planting design is to be sketched in. The rules of the contest should be read carefully in this connection. The list of plants and the planting key are to be lettered on the same sheet, in sufficient size to be readable when the 131/2x20-inch sheet is reduced to one-quarter that size (one-half reduction each way) for publication.

Since different plants will be used in different parts of the country, five climatic zones, shown on the map on the next page, form the basis of dividing the contest into five regions. Each of the four problems is to be dealt with for each region, and a prize of \$50 will be awarded for the best solution of each of the four problems in each of the five regions. Thus, there will be twenty prizes in

In addition, any designs besides the

Details of
Competition
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Small Home Grounds
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Two Pages.

prize-winners which are considered worthy of publication will gain an honorary award of \$25.

Judges will be announced in these pages later. They will be members of the National Landscape Nurserymen's Association. A committee of judges will be named in each region and will select the four prize-winning plans in that region and make recommendations for honorary awards.

The four prize-winning awards from each of the five regions will later be judged by a general committee, which will select from them one to receive the sweepstakes prize of \$200.

While no entry fee is required, those who wish to enter the contest should send their names as early as possible to the contest adviser, Harold E. Hunziker, Box 313, Niles, Mich. Then information on questions raised by any contestant can be sent to all persons entering the contest.

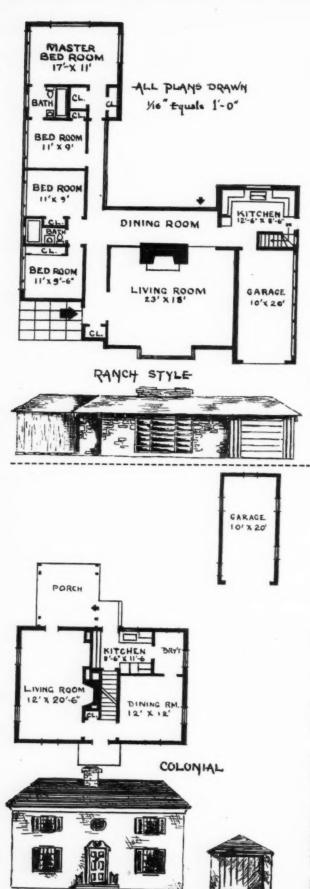
One person can submit entries for one or more, or all four, problems in a region. He may, if he wishes, submit entries with planting plans for more than one region, but each must be complete in itself. In other words, completed sketch must be submitted with individual planting plan.

Completed designs should be mailed by midnight September 5, 1946. Judging will be completed as soon as possible thereafter, and awards will be published in the American Nurseryman.

For details of the contest, read carefully the rules published on the following two pages.

Out of the contest should come a great variety of ideas, for the better planting of the vast number of small homes that will be erected in the next few years. The rules of the contest have been prepared with a view to reproduction of at least the prize-winning designs, not alone in this magazine, but probably in such form as to widen their application and influence.

Hence the individual who enters a design in this contest is not shooting alone at the \$50 offered as regional prizes and the \$200 offered as a sweepstakes prize, but also for recognition and a share in promoting better planting about the new small homes of the postwar era.



COMPETITION FOR THE DESIGN OF SMALL HOME GROUNDS

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PREAMBLE.

In recent years there has been a lack of published works of landscape designers. Even those published books of past years are rapidly going out of print. It is desirous that the thoughts of contemporary landscape designers be recorded and the subject of the landscape treatment of small properties be brought up to date. To get this modern interpretation of what the landscaping around the homes to be built in the next few years should be like we are offering this competition to bring forth the efforts of the landscape designers of the country.

It is our hope that the designs submitted for the consideration of the judges will be many and varied, so that the publication of the results of this competition will make a worthy contribution in the outdoor planning of the small homes of the nation.

COMPETITION OPEN TO ALL:

The competition is open to anyone, except the adviser and the persons selected to act as the jury in each region. More than one design for the same problem may be entered. Two or more persons any collaborate in submission of a design.

There is no entry fee involved. However, those entering the competition should send their names to Harold E. Hunziker, Seretary, National Landscape Nurserymen's Association, P. O. Box 312. Niles, Mich., so that they may receive any further announcement regarding the contest should it be necessary.

THE PROBLEMS.

The committee has selected four reasonably typical home types as the house designs to be used in the competition. One represents a small colonial home, one a small Cape Cod home, another a ranchouse, and the fourth a modern home.

In order that all sections of the country may be included in the competition, five regions have been set up as shown on the map



For each problem in each region is offered a prize of \$50.00.

20 PRIZES OF \$50.00 EACH

In addition a Grand Prize of \$200.00 will be given for the best all-around design, selected from the first-prize designs, for each problem from all the five regions.

Any contestant whose plan is published, but has not received a contest award, will receive an honorary award of \$25.00.

It is to be assumed that homes and grounds are for the average young to middle-aged American family, in an average suburban residential community. Each family has no preconceived notion of what their home grounds should be, but they do desire up-to-date and attractive surroundings, making the best possible use of the limited areas around their homes.

The following are the general requirements for each type home:

Cape Cod Style: To be located on a fairly level lot 50 x 150 feet; house to be placed no nearer than 30 feet from the street or nearer than 5 feet to side lot lines. An alley runs behind this lot; so access to garage can be had from the alley. The only special requirement is for a small salad garden and an area for the sand box for their 2-year-old baby.

Modern Style: To be located on a flat lot 75x150 feet, the house to be placed no nearer than 20 feet from the street or nearer than 10 feet to side lot lines. The drive is to come from the front to the garage attached to the house. This family has one daughter, if years old, and is desirous of having an area for lawn games such as badminton, croquet, shuffle board, etc. They expect to make use of the outdoor space as part of their living areas. The interior and exterior areas should be as a complete unit. If possible the owners would like a few fruit plants, as well as vegetable garden not to exceed 600 square feet.

Celenial Style: To be located on a lot that is gently rolling in front and reasonably level to the back lot line. The lot is 50x114 feet; the house to be placed no nearer than 30 feet from the street

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r nearer than 5 feet to side lot lines. The single-car detached parage can be located as desired by the designer, with access from he front. These home grounds are for a middle-aged couple who ske special pride in their surroundings. Their grown children are moved from the home, but make frequent visits. A vegetable green, which could later be used as a flower garden, is desired.

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Ranch style: To be located in a valley-like lot, gently rolling, obtained by the country of the house to be placed no nearer than 35 feet from he street or 10 feet from side lines. This family has two growing ogs, ages 10 and 13. They have moved out to the edge of town there more space would be available. Certain areas of the grounds hould be usable for the boys and their friends. Provisions for a ew pets might be provided on the grounds. Though the area is uite large, the family intends to maintain the grounds themselves, few fruit trees and 1,000 feet, or less, for a vegetable and small rult garden should be provided.

General: On all these arrangements the designer will have an portunity to orient the house on the lot. However, the directions he designer assumes are to be clearly shown on each plan. Each plan can show a 5-foot sidewalk parallel with the front of line and a parkway 12 feet wide parallel with the sidewalk. The planting keys to accompany the plans must be suited to the egion selected as the location for the home grounds for each plan. he region selected must be shown on each drawing. The all-over costs of the landscape layouts must be in keeping with the houses shown. The maintenance costs (or efforts of the amily) must be considered, as well as the initial outlay for land-caping program.

Special attention should be given the design for the so-called condation plantings.

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The designs will be judged on:

(1) The general appropriateness, practicability and attractiveness of the home grounds.

(2) The regional suitability of the plant material selected. This will take into account the ultimate size of the plant material and the suitability of the plants selected as to color, texture, fragrance, etc.

(3) Originality in the solution of the problems.

(4) Consideration for the effort needed in the upkeep of the property, as well as the initial outlay.

Emphasis will be placed on the solutions of the problems and composition or technique of the drawings.

DRAWINGS REQUIRED.

The competitor is requested to prepare for each design a planting plan, drawn to scale; one-sixteenth inch equals one foot (the accompanying floor plans and elevations of homes are in this scale). On the same paper he is to shown for each style home. A hand-lettered planting" on the elevation shown for each style home. A hand-lettered planting key must accompany each plan on the same piece of paper. Both the botanical and usual common name should be used. The first number is to indicate the type of plant, the second number the amount of plant material needed (thus 1-3 means "!" indicates Kolkwitzia amabilis, beauty bush, and "3" means three shrubs are needed for the space. Lettering should be large enough to be legible when reproduced at one-quarter size. All required drawings for each design shall compose a single sheet of opaque white drawing paper; the drawings to be contained as a space exactly 13½x20 inches. The sheet is to be read with its long dimensions vertical. The drawings are to be in opaque black insk (no diluted ink, color or wash).

The composition of the planting plan, the elevation and the planting key on the drawing should be as orderly as possible. The drawings need no title, but should indicate the region verth, etc.).

ANONYMITY: Drawings shall contain no identifying marks, is being a strictly anonymous competition. Each drawing or set drawings shall be accompanied by a plain, opaque, sealed welope containing the name and address of the designer. The adviser alone will have access to the drawings until they e placed before the Jury of Award. No drawing, whenever ceived, will be shown or made public until after the awards by elure.

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The drawings shall be securely wrapped, either flat or in a rong tube not less than 2½ inches in diameter, and addressed to arold E. Hunziker, Contest Adviser, P. O. Box 313, Niles. Mich., Setmarked before midnight September 1, 1946. They shall be sent stpaid.

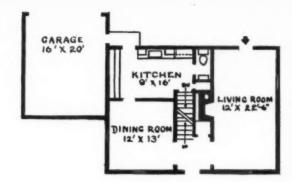
JUDGEMENT: The judges will be selected from each region, and anouncements of those selected will be published in the American urseryman at a later date.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE AWARDS: After awards have been made, the announcement of the winners will be made in the American Nurseryman. Prize checks will be mailed as soon as possible after the judging.

The selection of the awards by the judges shall be final. Should no entry present a meritorious solution to a given problem in any region, the judges may make such award as they deem suitable, or no award, on that particular problem.

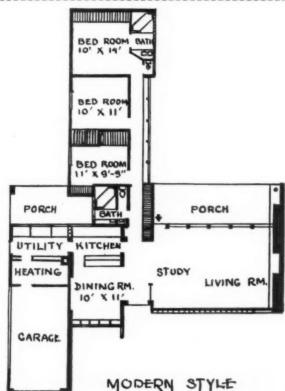
All plans submitted shall become the property of the American Nurseryman. Rights are reserved to publish any or all plans submitted in this contest.

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On and Off the Nursery

By L. C. Chadwick

START OF SERIES.

With this issue is instituted a series of short, timely articles dealing with nursery, landscape gardening and arboricultural practices which should prove interesting and informative to the readers of the American Nurseryman. It is hoped that time will permit the preparation of regular contributions under this heading. No continuity will be attempted with these contributions, but for the most part they will be timely. In some issues, a single subject will be discussed; in others, two or more subjects may be considered. While the writer does not profess to be an authority on all phases of the nursery-landscape-arboricultural business, an attempt will be made to answer, as time and space permit, questions readers care to submit.

SEEDS OF WOODY PLANTS.

In my nursery visits it is not uncommon to find unsatisfactory results with seeds of several woody plants. In an attempt to determine the reasons for such results it has been found that while conditions may vary considerably in different nurseries, three or four factors or conditions are usually the underlying causes. These factors or conditions are (1) failure to recognize the parts of the seed that may cause delayed germination, (2) failure to give the proper treatment to overcome the resting condition in the seed, (3) failure to sow the seeds at the proper time and (4) loss due to damping off of the seedlings.

The parts of the seed that may be responsible for delayed germination are the seed coat, the endosperm or food storage organ and the embryo. These seed parts may act in various ways. The seed coats may be so hard that the young embryo plant cannot force its way through it; the coat may prevent the absorption of water and oxygen necessary for germination, or it may prevent the escape of carbon dioxide from within the seed, which in sufficient quantities will become toxic to the embryo.

The endosperm may become hardened and act in much the same way as the seed coats in preventing germination; it may contain a substance that is toxic to growth of the embryo, as appears to be the case with iris seeds, or it may be so weakly developed that sufficient food for development of the embryo is lacking.

The embryo may not be completely developed when the seed is gathered, such as is true with Ilex opaca, nandina, ginkgo and others, or there may be a condition within the embryo that causes the seed to remain dormant.

The nurseryman may experience considerable difficulty in determining into which of these various categories the various seeds fall. In the end it comes down to knowing the characteristics of the different seeds and how they react to germination. I do not know of any one publication available at the present time that will give this information in a brief and concise form. Experience will have to be the teacher.

Methods for treating seeds to overcome the factors or conditions causing delayed germination can be briefly outlined. Hard seed coats and endosperms can be overcome by such practices as scarification, use of sulphuric acid or boiling water, or by . stratification in a moist medium at temperatures of 60 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit for periods of one to three months. Stratification and the use of boiling water are the most practical methods for the nurseryman to follow in handling small quantities of seeds. Immature or incompletely organized embryos will develop in two to four months when sown at favorable germinating temperatures. Where a definite resting condition exists, it can be overcome by stratification at a temperature of approximately 40 degrees for one to three months. Delayed germination of many of the shrub and tree seeds is caused by a combination of factors such as a hard seed coat and a resting condition of the embryo.

SEEDS OF RED CEDAR.

One of the seeds with which nurserymen experience difficulty in getting a satisfactory and uniform germination is the eastern red cedar, Juniperus virginiana. The factors responsible for delayed germination with red cedar are the waxy coat and a resting condition of the embryo. Removal of the waxy coat can be accomplished by soaking for several hours in alcohol or by pouring warm water over the seeds and bringing the water to a boil. As soon as the water is brought to a boil, pour it

off and repeat the operation three times.

The resting condition of the embryo can be overcome by stratifying the seeds in flats of moist sand and peat and holding them at a temperature of about 40 degrees for three months. Holding the flats in the nursery storage cellar should be satisfactory. Germination of red cedar seeds is best at temperatures of 50 to 55 degrees. It is considerably retarded at temperatures above 65 to 70. This means that early sowing, following the stratification period, when the soil is below 60 degrees, is essential for rapid germination. The seeds should be sown so that a month will elapse before the soil temperature goes above 60 degrees. This early sowing will also aid in reducing loss from damping-off.

In summary, to get rapid and satisfactory germination of red cedar seeds, remove the waxy coat, stratify about December 15 to January 1 and hold at a temperature of 35 to 40 degrees until March 15 or April 1, when they should be sown in well prepared seedbeds of sandy soil.

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SALUTE LANDSCAPERS.

The hundreds of men and women engaged in landscape work were honored April 1 by the one-hour radio show, Valley Forge Caravan, from KYW, Philadelphia, which nightly salutes one of America's industries, under the sponsorship of the Adam Scheidt Brewing Co., Norristown, Pa

Host for this performance was Richard P. White, executive secretary of the American Association of Nurserymen, who told of the landscape industry's contribution to the war effort, which included assistance to the army engineering corps in camouflage work and to the United States Department of Agriculture in carrying out the successful victory garden program. He also told of the postwar plans for nation-wide improvement and beautification through landscaping.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN ROB-ERTS, of the Roberts Nurseries. Denver, Colo., recently returned from a six weeks' trip, which took them through several southern states. Mr. Roberts has turned the management of his 35-acre nursery over to Bert G. Clark, formerly of Alamosa, Colo., who has an option to buy the nursery. Mr. Roberts, who started in business in 1920, has virtually retired from active participation. a

Plan A. A. N. Victory Convention

To the convention bound members of the American Association of Nurserymen and their guests, heading for Miami Beach in July, the sunlit sands, shady palms and cool ocean breezes of the nation's leading resort city will offer ample ingredients for mixing business with pleasure.

Swimming in the blue-green waters of the Atlantic, golfing under sunny skies, boating along the inland waterways, fishing in the Gulf Stream—these are a few of the attractions available for relaxing moments between business sessions. And when the day's business is done, the trade winds sweeping steadily in from off shore bring the promise of cool, restful sleep.

With accommodations for 50,000 visitors, Miami Beach can compete with the country's largest cities in handling conventions. It offers a superb year-'round climate, averaging 75.2 degrees. Contrary to popular conception, the temperature seldom rises above 90 degrees in July. For that month the mean maximum has been 86.7 degrees, according to United States Weather Bureau records, and the mean minimum 76.4. Last year the sun shone 213 hours in July, and there were only six cloudy days in that month.

To visiting members, their families and guests, the city of Miami Beach offers free use of its two sporty golf courses; Bayshore and Normandy Isle, during their convention. Flamingo Park, main recreational center, has facilities for numerous sports. Several of the many night

National Hotel.

clubs in Miami Beach remain open through the summer months to provide first-class dinner and supper shows. Shopping along Lincoln road, where the nation's most famous shops display next year's styles, is a special attraction for the ladies.

In order to provide ample facilities on beach-front hotels, reservations have been made for A. A. N. members at four prominent hotels—Ritz Carlton, Shelborne, Georgian and National. Each hotel is a luxury hotel such as one would expect to



Ritz Carlton Hotel.

find in that resort town. Each has its own private swimming pool, which will be available to A. A. N. members, and each hotel has offered free of charge two cabanas to serve as a sort of headquarters for the nurserymen. All four hotels were taken over by the army during the war and have since been completely reconditioned and reequipped. "We have never obtained such luxury as we shall have this coming summer," asserted Richard P. White, A. A. N. executive secretary, after his winter trip to Miami Beach in February to make convention arrangements.

Rates for the Ritz Carlton and the Shelborne will be \$6 single and \$8 double, and for the Georgian and National, \$5 single and \$7 double. All reservations will be made through the Washington office of the A. A. N. and will be forwarded to the hotels in blocks. An attempt will be made to give the convention visitors the hotel of their choice, but this cannot be guaranteed, as each hotel has set aside a certain number

of rooms for the A. A. N. and as soon as that number is taken reservations must be made at another hotel.

The two special trains, of which account has appeared in previous issues, will arrive in Miami, Sunday morning, July 14, and the passengers will be transported to their respective hotels at Miami Beach. Convention registration will be made on the trains, by R. P. White on the New York train and by W. J. Smart on the Chicago train, in order to get that job done before arrival. Registration will also be done in the lobby of the Ritz Carlton.

Meetings are scheduled for July 14 of the Ornamental Growers' Association and the Wholesale Fruit Tree Growers' Association. July 15 will be held meetings of All-America Rose Selections and the National Association of Plant Patent Owners.

The convention sessions of the American Association of Nurserymen will open Tuesday, July 16, at the Ritz Carlton hotel. Wednesday will be entirely open for recreation. General meetings will be held Thursday, concluding with a banquet in the evening. The special trains will depart at midnight for Chicago and New York.

Arrangements have been made for bus trips on Monday and Tuesday mornings and afternoons for those who wish to take them to points of interest in Miami, including Hialeah race track, the Parrot Jungle and other places. Smaller parties can be taken by limousine to the Fairchild Gardens or other more distant points.

On the morning of July 17 it is planned for all convention visitors



Shelborne Hotel.

to take the Nikko-Wofford cruise about Biscayne bay, obtaining a view of the entire beach front from the water. The afternoon will be open for fishing for those who care to go. A golf tournament has been arranged at the Bayshore Golf Club, with complimentary greens fees; it will not be a regular golf tournament, but featured with many trick awards. There is also the possibility, July 17, of a charter airplane trip to Cuba via Pan-American Airways.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is expected to hold a meeting Monday morning, July 15, at which Guy W. Ellis, vice-president of the Lincoln Road Association, will tell of the shops on that famous thoroughfare, a majority of which will be open during the summer. Afterward the ladies can visit the shops at their convenience, as all four hotels are clustered at the beach end of the road.

BULB GROWERS ORGANIZE.

Sixty-nine southern bulb growers met March 23 at Macon, Ga., and organized the Southern Bulb Growers Cooperative. Temporary officers are Dr. H. D. Wilson, Albany, Ga., president; D. M. Maxwell, Monroeville, Ala., vice-president; Ray A. Bowden, Athens, Ga., secretary, and Grady Wright, Dublin, Ga., treasurer. The directors are S. P. Cooper, Sebring, Fla., and, from Georgia, G. L. Lanier, Decatur; J. A. Ennis, Ogeechee; Z. Whitehurst, Statesboro; G. P. Whatley, Sr., Forsyth; H. I. George, Swainsboro, and Mrs. Mary Lee Brantley, Tennille.

A meeting of the board of directors was scheduled for April 6 at the University of Georgia to complete the charter and bylaws and to set up a bulb growers' program that would function by September 1. After 1946 all bulbs and flowers of members will be marketed through this cooperative.

GYPSY MOTH QUARANTINE.

Revision of federal quarantine 45. on account of the gypsy moth and brown-tail moth, was made by the United States Department of Agriculture, effective March 18. The change in the regulations affects only the list of plant materials exempted from regulation.

LAST month the Kenmore Garden & Feed Store was opened at Seattle, Wash., under the management of Keith Miller. A complete line of garden tools, seeds, fertilizers and shrubbery is carried.

Discuss Pest Problems

CENTRAL PLANT BOARD HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING.

The Central Plant Board held its annual meeting at the Hotel Kingsway, St. Louis, Mo., March 25 and 26, with representatives from the federal bureau of entomology and plant quarantine and from the American Association of Nurserymen, and officials engaged in plant regulatory work from twelve of the thirteen north central states taking part in the program. South Dakota alone was not represented. There was a registered attendance of twenty-nine. Dr. Carl J. Drake, Ames, Ia., opened the meeting with an address of special interest to the nursery industry, published in this issue, and presided at all sessions.

Topics discussed and speakers in cluded the following: "Current Entomological Problems," by Dr. P. N. Annand, Washington, D. C.; "Observations on Plant Pest Control," by John W. Baringer, Washington, D. C.; "Report of the Gypsy Moth Hearing in June and National Plant Board Conference in February," by C. A. Boyer, Lansing, Mich. "Barberry Eradication Problems," by Ray O. Bulger, Minneapolis, Minn. "Reports Review" and possibilities for a nursery inspector's manual, by Dr. R. C. Smith, Manhattan, Kan.; "Gladiolus Inspection Requirements," by H. F. Seifert, Glen Ellyn, Ill., and a report on the use of DDT concentrates applied by airplane in the control of gypsy moth, by R. A. Sheals, Washington, D. C.

A plant regulatory clinic led by E. L. Chambers, Madison, Wis., and participated in by a number of the delegates took into account various items not provided for in the general program and proved of such interest and value that it bids well to become an important part of future meetings. Kansas reported several changes in regulations, including rescinding of European corn borer and potato tuber moth quarantine, modification of cedar-apple rust quarantine, and active cooperation with the federal bureau of entomology in eradication of the common barberry in black stem rust control.

The evening banquet held at hotel headquarters was highlighted by the presentation of a Sheaffer lifetime fountain pen to T. L. Aamodt, St. Paul, Minn., in recognition of his services as former secretary-treasurer of the Central Plant Board. Following the presentation, John W. Bar-

inger gave a most interesting and instructive talk on the relationship of the nursery industry to plant pest control. Prof. A. G. Ruggles, a charter member of the board and former state entomologist of Minnesota, now retired and residing at Union Springs, Ala., was an honored guest.

L. M. Gates, Lincoln, Neb., was named chairman of the committee on recommendations to the National Plant Board. In the absence of W. A. Price, chairman, the report of the uniform regulations committee was read by Howard G. Tilson, Lexington Ky.

The Central Plant Board favored the resolutions adopted by the National Plant Board at its recent conference held at Washington, D. C., urged that the present officers arrange for the publication of a nursery inspectors' manual, highly commended Ray O. Bulger and his coworkers in the federal bureau of entomology and plant quarantine for the great progress being made in eradication of common barberry and expressed appreciation to those who took part in the program. Special appreciation was extended the committee on local arrangements, consisting of L. E. Adams, J. Carl Dawson and J. A. Denning, chairman. Dr. Carl J. Drake, Ames, Ia., and

Dr. Carl J. Drake, Ames, Ia., and Dr. J. A. Munro, Fargo, N. D., were reelected president and secretary treasurer respectively. It is planned to issue a mimeographed report of the proceedings.

J. A. Munro, Sec'y.

LINCOLN WAY NURSERIES, Cashtown, Pa., specializing in fruit and ornamental stock, has been started by Harry F. and John D. Biesecker, both recently released from the army.

FRED WILSON, son of Harold W. Wilson, proprietor of the Wilson Garden Service, Jacksonville, Fla., has been discharged from the navy and will enter the business, taking over the wholesale and shipping department. Having served in the navy since December, 1942, Mr. Wilson was an aviation radioman first-class at the time of his discharge and holds the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with three battle stars, the Air medal with two gold stars, the American campaign ribbon, the Victory medal, the air crew insignia with three stars and the Philippine liberation ribbon with two stars. He was with Torpedo Squadron 11 of the navy air corps.

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Present-day Quarantine Emergencies

By Carl J. Drake

The objectives of this conference, as you are aware, are to consider questions of plant inspections, plant quarantines and plant regulatory work, especially problems relating to the work of the states forming the Central Plant Board. Many of the problems coming up for consideration at this conference extend beyond state lines and are regional or national in scope. Others project beyond the borders of our country and are thus international in magnitude. Trade between the states and commerce with other nations directly or indirectly affect every state in the Union. In other words, many of our plant regulatory problems are national and international in scope.

The solution of plant regulatory problems is not a simple matter. State and regional problems are often quite complex, whereas international and national problems become more involved and intricate in their solution. It is largely a federal function to handle quarantines and regulatory matters affecting interstate trade and commerce between nations. As state laws and quarantines do not extend beyond our respective state borders, cooperation between states and with the federal government becomes almost obligatory.

The objectives and functions of the regional and national plant boards are well known to state and federal officials. The boards are not lawmaking nor law-enforcing bodies. However, the decisions and recommendations of the plant boards are farreaching, and, as a rule, are very useful and helpful in many ways. Much has been accomplished in the past through the concerted and intelligent action of the plant boards.

Unfortunately, the general public is often not very familiar with plant quarantine and regulatory work. Some individuals and groups of citizens look upon state and federal plant quarantines and regulations with considerable apprehension for various reasons. Some of these apprehensions and differences are justified and could be easily eliminated by concerted and intelligent action of quarantine officials. The reasons and need for such action, and also for a better understanding of the objectives and accom-

plishments of plant quarantines, are obvious to us, but not always clear to some of the people whom we serve.

No problem transcends the need for revising, modifying and lifting of plant quarantines and regulations not based on sound, biological data. The three words, "sound, biological data," form a very catchy phrase and may be employed for exactly opposite purposes, especially if the information is not clear cut and well understood. The latter sentence brings up again the question of the pressing need for more research to settle differences and



Carl J. Drake.

to eliminate unnecessary confusion now present in regulatory work. This maze is not entirely limited to the states, because a little confusion exists between federal and state officials, between federal departments and between nations. Needless to say, the critics of regulatory work some-times take advantage of petty differences and foggy decisions. Quarantines should be established solely on biologically sound data with the reasons and objectives of the regulations clearly stated. There are many good, sound reasons for plant quarantines and for regulating the movements of carriers and hosts of injurious insects and plant diseases, both domestic and foreign.

It is a well known fact that plant pests are introduced (largely incidentally) into new countries through the travels and commercial activities of mankind. Commerce changes and develops much faster than plant quarantines designed to protect agriculture from plant foes. The slowness of action on the part of plant regulatory officials and lawmaking bodies to meet new conditions is sharply illustrated by the great development and expansion of aircraft and watercraft during World War II. What should be done to secure adequate funds and increased personnel to meet these new developments in travel and changes in commerce? It is plainly evident that some plant pest laws will need to be modified or changed, also the modernization of the inspection methods and techniques.

Insect pests and plant diseases are carried from one country to another in many divers ways. Inspection and certification under the best conditions are never 100 per cent perfect, because of the human limitations of the men carrying on the work. This same statement applies equally well to human diseases, for typhus, dysentery and other plagues have occasionally slipped through the quarantine lines in spite of the best effort of medical men. The few failures in either of these fields are insignificant in comparison with the large numbers of pests and serious diseases intercepted and stopped at our borders. Perhaps not enough publicity has been given to the plant pests intercepted at the ports of entry by federal and state Such publicity might inspectors. bring a little criticism from some foreign countries, but in the end it would help secure better public and more financial support for the work.

It is impossible to predict with much certainty what an insect or a plant disease will do in a different environment in a new country. Many of our worst crop pests at the present time are of foreign origin. When discovered in the United States, a considerable proportion of them were of very little or no economic importance in their native country, and almost totally unknown. It is, therefore, plainly evident that foreign plant quarantines designed to protect American agriculture might be a complete failure, if based upon the literature and present known status of the insects or diseases in their respective foreign homes. Cognizance of these facts, and many others, must be recognized and fully taken into consideration by both federal and state officials. There is no middle ground nor such a thing as a compromise measure as a substitute for facts

Address on "Some Present-day Plant Quarantine Emergencies," by Dr. Carl J. Drake, Ames, Ia., president of the Central Plant Board, at its meeting, March 25, at St. Louis, Mo.

in the promulgation of plant quarantines. The use of compromises and such inept excuses as "good will" simply leave wide open many avenues for foreign pests to gain entry into our country. The present status of a few of the many exotic insect pests and plant diseases firmly established within our borders, such as the Japanese beetle, white-fringed heetle, Dutch elm disease, San Jose scale and alfalfa weevil, most vividly illustrates this point. The European corn borer, Oriental fruit moth, Hessian fly and dozens of other insect pests take a heavy annual toll of our agricultural and horticultural crops. The total loss from foreign pests in America, together with the cost of research, extension and control work, represents a staggering sum of money. And the damage and loss from these foreign invaders will not stop at the end of this year, or next year. In other words, there will be no V-J day for plant growers.

The European corn borer now has the spotlight in the corn belt states. The farmer has a perfect right to ask, what was the cash value of the broom corn that brought us the corn borer from Europe? The same questions may be asked regarding other foreign insects and plant pests now firmly established in the United States. Should not more serious consideration be given to the protection of farmers, nurserymen and fruit growers from the present dangers of importing exotic pests? Is there not too much official emphasis in Washington at the present time on the catchy phrase "good will" between nations at the expense and subservience of American agriculture?

Another question of consequence comes up for thoughtful consideration: "Who is capable of singling out the insects and plant diseases of the various countries of the world that might or would become serious pests in the United States if just given a mere chance?" One should be mindful of the fact that some of these potential plant pests are totally unknown and do not have a common or scientific name. The Oriental fruit moth (Grapholitha (Lasheyresia), Molesta), was not described until after it was discovered in the United States. In addition, five of the six species of white-fringed beetles of the southern states were not described until after these insects were found infesting our crops in the south. The writer has also described two new species of South American insects recently intercepted at two different United States ports of entry. The United States is a large country and there are many kinds

of habitats—tropical, subtropical and temperate. Biotic and physical conditions are varied and suitable for growing many kinds of crops. Our climates and fertile soils not only produce bumper crops, but also at times insects in countless myriads. Compare the European corn borer and Japanese beetle problems as they exist in their respective native countries with these problems in America. Not much money has been spent on research, control and quarantines of these two insects in Europe and Asia.

Plans are well under way for a great expansion of our foreign trade in the immediate future. The much faster and greatly increased transportation facilities have changed the commercial picture. Distances are now measured in hours or days instead of weeks or months. Improved methods of refrigeration also come strongly into the picture. Fresh fruits, fresh vegetables and other plant products from Africa, Europe, Asia, South America and other parts of the world may be imported from the most distant countries into the central states or any state in the Union in less than a week. It now takes a refrigerated railroad car longer to travel across the United States than it does a refrigerated transport plane to reach the United States from South America or most countries beyond the seas. It seems safe to predict that within three or four years a transport plane will leave either east or west coast and arrive at the other coast in half of the present record-breaking time.

At the present time ports of entry are not entirely confined to the states bordering the oceans and adjoining Canada and Mexico. Many large air bases were built at strategic spots throughout the entire world during the past war. Others are now being constructed in many foreign countries. The size and speed of aircraft are increasing by leaps and bounds. We may soon see rocket planes coming in and landing before the noise of their approach in the distance can be heard. This speedy travel means better fresh fruits, better fresh vegetables and better plant products of all kinds from almost every country in the entire world. Vast changes are also being made in watercraft commerce. The exchange of goods or commerce between nations will be on a much faster and larger scale than during prewar days. And unless more drastic protective measures are taken, we may expect more new pests and new plant diseases for our growers to combat. These statements apply equally well to the pest of man and farm animals as well as plants.

There has been some letdown in plant regulatory activities and pest control work during the war, largely because of shortages of materials and trained men. These difficulties are now slowly straightening out. In many cases the immediate difficulty will now be an increase of funds and larger staffs. Salaries, traveling expenses and other costs are much higher and still going up. Both state and federal appropriations will need to be materially increased (1) to meet higher salaries, labor and other costs, and (2) to employ larger staffs, because of the increase in foreign commerce. The defense against the introduction of new plant pests from foreign countries must not only be maintained, but greatly strengthened by passing new laws or modifying present laws and securing appropriations adequate to meet the present changing national situation. The federal program is our program and, as in the past, close cooperation is needed between state and federal plant quarantine officials.

In writing pest laws and plant quarantines, too much stress has been placed for years on nursery stock and not enough on "carriers" of injurious insects and plant diseases. This statement seems to apply almost equally well to both state and federal laws and quarantines. The word "carriers" should come more strongly into the picture, for it includes plants, plant materials and plant products, soil, and any living or dead thing capable of harboring serious plant pests. Quarantines should be worded so that the inspectors will be able to meet effectively any new or unexpected emergency in their routine work.

Quantity limits should be based and governed to some extent by the facilities and manpower of the various ports of entry. When the attendant pest risk is great and cannot be adequately safeguarded by treatment, limitation or even total exclusion is a biologically sound action. Adequate federal laws are needed to meet all emergencies as they arise in foreign plant quarantine work.

As previously stated, inspection is not a perfect safeguard because of the human factor. Perhaps more stress should be placed on fumigation, especially when the attendant pest risk cannot be safeguarded by inspection or the bulk is too great for manual inspection. Viruses and other degenerating diseases sometimes make it highly desirable for field study and inspection during the growing season in the country of origin. Neither inspection of dormant plant materials nor fumigation at the port of entry will give any insurance against the (Continued on page 45.)

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Winter Identification of Olive Family

By Leon Croizat

To begin our work without taking in either too little or too much, let us turn to the pages of Rehder's classic "Manual of Cultivated Trees and Shrubs" and see what its pages list for the oleaceae in cultivation. Here it is: Olive family, or oleaceae—thirteen genera: Fontanesia, abeliophyllum, fraxinus, forsythia, syringa, ligustrum, phillyrea, osmarea, siphonosmanthus, osmanthus, forestiera, chionanthus, jasminum. To get rid of this unlucky number, we will throw olea in the lot and close the score with a neat fourteen, and nothing left behind.

Of these fourteen genera, six are of major importance, fraxinus (ash), syringa (lilac), ligustrum (privet), forsythia (golden bell), jasminum (jasmine), olea (olive). The first is valuable both as a shade tree and as a source of high-grade lumber, and the last, which is also sparingly cultivated in this country for its fruits, is an important economic tree in the regions of the Mediterranean. Fraxinus, syringa, ligustrum and forsythia are grown pretty much all over the world with the exception of the tropics. Olea is not seen where winters are cold or rains abundant. Jasminum is essentially tropical or subtropical, though one of its species can be grown on the Atlantic coast under

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Fig. 1.—Inflorescence of olea type (A, schematic): Each leaf bears a cluster of flowers above, and the shoot has continuous vegetative growth by an apical bud. Inflorescence of syringa type (B, schematic): The clusters of flowers tend to crowd at the tip of the shoot, the leaves being reduced to scales. All the upper part of the shoot dies down after fruiting.

protection as far north as southern New England.

This tabulation makes it clear that the oleaceae are an important group. Before dealing with them in detail, then, let us take a look at their members in general.

The oleaceae are said to be estipulate, meaning that the base of their leafstalks, or petioles, is shorn of such petty appendages as occur in the rose and bittersweet families. The lack of stipules is an important character which readily separates the oleaceae from the madder family (rubiaceae), for instance, in which stipules-and often large ones-are invariably present. These organs are exceedingly interesting both for the professional botanist and for the lover of plants who has an inquisitive turn of mind, and, were it possible, I would gladly state something of them in general right here. Unfortunately, I am bound to remain strictly within my subject, merely saying that stipular structures can be traced back both in jasmine and forsythia, as we shall duly see. The olive family, consequently, is estipulate by derivation rather than as a primitive

Insofar as the cultivated forms are concerned, the inflorescence of this family can be said to consist of comparatively delicate branchlike structures carried immediately above the leaves. The basic pattern, then, calls for a leaf and a lateral floriferous branchlet in alternation (figure 1, A), the twig itself always ending with a normal vegetative bud. It is well for us to understand this pattern, for it occurs modified in various manners which are all important from the standpoint of horticulture. Nothing seems to be so wide apart in the kingdom of flowers as the heavy head of lilac that blossoms in late April or May and the cascade of the golden bells of forsythia which flare all along the shoot at the first suspicion of springtime. Few will think at first of associating the tiny flowerlike inflorescence of forestiera with the graceful wands of privet, yet all this can be accounted for as simple modifications of the fundamental pattern I have just described. This pattern is in evidence in olea and osmanthus, for example, but even in these plants it may be found altered now and then to some extent. We shall readily understand the nature of the change if only we suppose that the

flower-bearing shoots crowd all together toward the tip of the twig (figure 1, B) and that the leaves underneath them are reduced to simple scales. When this takes place, the twig itself loses its vigor as a vegetative structure, and a heavy cluster of flowers comes into being which ultimately crowns the whole shoot. This, of course, is the normal inflorescence of lilac, and very nearly that of privet, and is secured by a gradual modification of that of olea and osmanthus.

In ashes, golden bells and forestieras the flower clusters are basically arranged like those of olea and osmanthus, but are incased within buds of their own on old wood. In forsythia only one flower may come out of every bud, while whole clusters of them are the rule in ash. In forestiera the flower cluster may be surrounded by yellow enlarged scales, and since this flower cluster is quite small, it usually gets mistaken for a flower, which it certainly is not.

All this, which I can only sketch roughly here, is of practical value for horticulturists and those who attend to pruning. Cases are on record to show that the nature of the inflorescence affects the commercial yield of the olive tree. A rational understanding of these structures, moreover, is also of some importance for winter identification, because the fruits which linger on into the cold season are always borne in the manner which is peculiar to the flowers.

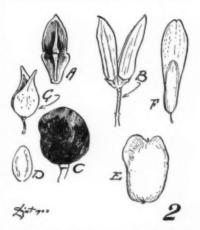


Fig. 2.—Fruits in the olive family: A, B, capsule of lilac, seen open from above and sidewise; C, olivelike fruit of privet, the stone in D; E, key of fontanesia; F, key of ash; G, capsule of forsythia.

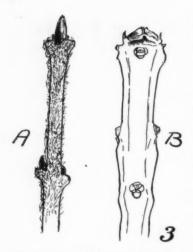


Fig. 3.—Shoot of Ligustrum obtusifolium regelianum, Regel privet in A; shoot of Chionanthus virginicus, fringe tree, in B.

I might add, before dropping the subject for the time being, that the bewildering array of inflorescences seen in nature can at all times be brought back to elementary principles of structure. The factors to be taken into account are always three: (1) Position—where the inflorescence is borne; (2) time-whether it is borne on new wood or on old wood; (3) form-how the inflorescence itself is put together. These factors are simplicity itself once they are properly understood, but nothing can be understood if they are confused in the first place, because picking an inflorescence apart is not unlike dismantling an engine for convenient crating. The job has got to be done properly by somebody who knows how the engine runs, and in how many sections it can be packed best. No competent manager will ever be caught flat-footed misinterpreting any one of the basic requirements of his job, and the skilled instructor in plant identification will always carefully reckon with these three elements, position, time and form. It is my earnest opinion, as a matter of fact, that the student should be acquainted first of all with the operation of these factors and then-and only then-be given the usual definitions of inflorescence. These definitions handed out alone work sometimes at a great discount, and those who cannot figure the business in and out eventually feel that they are being shortchanged somewhere.

The fruit most commonly found in the cultivated oleaceae has all the essential characters of the edible olive, which is anything but surprising. This olive bears only a tiny scar at the upper end by the fallen style, for, as we know, the oleaceae bear their floral wrappers attached below the ovary which later develops as the fruit. The privet, for example, brings forth black or black-bluish berries with a single hard stone (figure 2, C and D), which tend to remain in place throughout the winter. Dry fruits which bear no resemblance whatever to the standard olive also occur in this family; witness the twovalved capsule of the lilac (figure 2, A and B); the capsule of forsythia (figure 2, G), which-unlike the lilac's-is narrowed at the tip and enlarged at the body; the most characteristic key of the ash (figure 2, F); the wafer-like key of fontanesia (figure 2, E), a mere modification of that of ash. All these dry fruits tend to remain in place during the winter with the exception of those of the ash, which are shed earlier. In this genus, however, the bare inflorescence, the female especially, may be left standing for long months.

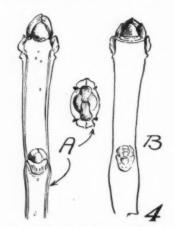


Fig. 4.—Shoot of Fraxinus quadrangulata, blue ash, in A, right-hand side the apical bud seen from above; shoot of Fraxinus americana, white ash, in B.

Having disposed of the most pressing generalities, we may now clear our desk of the details. These are so many that we can do no more than to review the most important.

Five of the cultivated generaphillyrea, osmarea, siphonosmanthus, osmanthus and olea-are evergreen, and as such do not interest us particularly. All I might say is that an evergreen shrub or tree with opposite leaves tending to be longer than broad and without a marked venation is likely to belong to the oleaceae. These leaves may be entire, as they are in phillyrea, olea and Osmanthus americanus, or toothed, as they are in the remaining evergreen forms and in Osmanthus ilicifolius, but they are opposite or nearly opposite in every case. The last species mentioned could most readily be mistaken for the common evergreen holly but for the position of the leaves, which settles matters forthwith. Osmanthus americanus might be confused with a rhododendron on account of the shape of the blade, but, again, in the latter the leaves are alternate or whorled and not opposite. Siphonosmanthus delavayi, practically the lone cultivated species of the genus, may be disposed of with the comment that it resembles an evergreen privet with rather finely toothed

leaves and large berries.

Abeliophyllum is a horticultural curio with leaves that suggest those of the privet, but unlike this plant, it bears a flat fruit like fontanesia, has storied pith and mostly carries two superimposed buds. Fontanesia is once more reminiscent of privets, though its branchlets tend to be quite slender, and mature specimens retain here and there-when not all overthe peculiar inflorescences typical of the genus. These form a comparatively long and ragged cluster of a kind that might be compared with the "whiskers" of ashes in a less advanced state of degradation. The truth is best served by stating that these plants will be identified by those who have seen them much more readily than by those who have read a chapter-long description of all their characters. The same is pretty much true, alas, of privets, of which certain species-witness Ligustrum lucidum and Ligustrum japonicum-are definitely evergreen, while others are -to quote good authorities-deciduous, persistent or half-evergreen depending upon climate, location and kind. If berries are left, the identification is easy as to genus, and even when no berries are available tolerably good guesses can be made on the twig. The bud scales are usually two and pointed (figure 3, A), the leaf scars rather prominent, and the wood of the year finely hairy in cer-

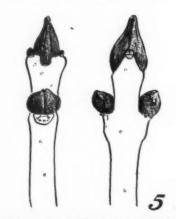


Fig. 5.—Shoot of Fraxinus pennsylvanica lanceolata, green ash.

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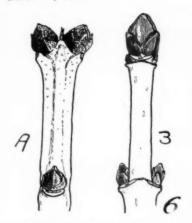


Fig. 6.—Shoot of Syringa vulgaris, common lilac, in A; shoot of maple, Acer campestre, in B. Notice the ridge connecting the opposite leaf scars.

tain species (e.g., Ligustrum obtusifolium and Ligustrum amurense), but glabrous in others (e.g., Ligustrum ovalifolium). These characters, coupled with the opposite leaf scars, the wiry slenderness of the year's vegetative shoots and the dull gray to olive color of the bark, make it fairly easy to identify the genus, but going be-yond this is risky business for anybody who has not studied privets thoroughly and does not know how to judge from the standpoint of many intangibles. Forestiera has the stiff growth of privet, with branchlets sometimes ending in spines, and these two characters, together with the comparatively light brown color of the bark, make it possible to identify it in a leafless state. All in all, the winter identification of these forms would be hopeless business if it were not for the fact that there is little else in cultivation with opposite leaves and comparatively slender young wood. The characters are negative in the long run, and it is the flower which counts most, and the fruit next. The rest is easy for those who have seen it already, thoughlet us repeat—the opposite leaves or leaf scars are excellent characters as

The ashes in cultivation are numerous, running well over thirty different species. Their buds are quite changeable as to color, and so is the young wood, and it may happen that the same species varies in these respects in different sections of the country. Most peculiar is the blue ash (figure 4, A) with its corky ridges and its upper bud scales often retaining the outline of the leaflets, but since I have discussed this species in a previous article devoted to the identification of the rue family I shall no longer spend time with it here. In other ashes, the bud scales

either tend to taper to a narrow tip, as they do in the green ash (figure 5), or end with a scar, which is the case (figure 4, B) with the common white ash. This scar marks the spot where the leaflets once stood, which can still be seen in place in the blue ash. In all ashes the bud scales tend to be four, the two larger overlapping the smaller crosswise, but two scales also occur. These scales are covered by what might be described as a peculiar hairy dust. This covering strikes the eye as something intermediate between delicate felt and finely ground coffee, which is an odd combination indeed; it may be black, dark brown or grayish, and the midrib of the outer scale may be almost free from it altogether. Exotic ashes, or some of our own from drier sections of the country, have slender twigs sometimes, but in the majority of cultivated trees the twigs are rather stout and slightly swollen in the region of the leaf scars. Cast against

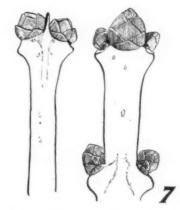


Fig. 7.—Shoots of Syringa amurensis, Manchurian lilac.

the sky, these twigs are most revealing in their pattern and bearing, and are far better than the bark as winter character. The shrubby chinonanthus has the buds of ash (figure 3, B) in the main, but coarser and with broader scales.

The lilacs are a world in their own right, and a very variable one at that. The bud scales of the commonly cultivated form are the usual four, quite glabrous and varying in color from pale yellow-green to dark purple. The buds are borne either in pairs at the tip of the twig or single and, when paired, retain between them either an abortive bud (figure 6, A) or a section of undeveloped twig (figure 7, left-hand figure), both of which may fall, leaving behind a scar in this case. It is easy to mistake a shoot of lilac for one of maple in winter, but a good character is

there to separate them, if we know it. In a lilac the leaf scars run down as barely perceptible wings, but in a comparable maple they are connected on the contrary (figure 6, B) by a transversal ridge, which is a reminder for us that the maples not only were stipulated in the night of the ages, but still show it to a far greater degree than do the modern lilacs.

The large Manchurian lilac (figure 7) could easily be confused with a cherry on account of its bark, and, in part, buds, which are of various shades of brown, but no cherry ever has opposite leaves. For the rest, lilacs are legion, and fifty pages could easily be written on their winter identification if space permitted. To get out of this predicament, let us say that a twig with opposite leaf scars which suggests a stout privet, but has a brown-colored bark without the ringing scars of certain maples, stands a fair chance of belonging to a lilac other than the one most common in cultivation. This is rather too broad to be of much value except as an introduction to the subject, and I shall not assume responsibility for the details, either. Unfortunately, nature can be approached only in two ways, (1) by giving all the facts, or (2) by pointing out how the facts can best be learned. The former being forever impossible, the latter remains as the correct solution, whether we like it or not.

The winter jasmine, Jasminum nudiflorum, is the hardiest of its clan, and its twigs are easily identified.

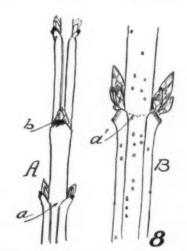


Fig. 8.—Section of shoot of Jasminum nudiflorum, winter jasmine, in A, with ragged leaf scar and buds concealing scales in b. The leaf scars do not come together in the region a. Section of shoot of Forsythia intermedia, border golden bell, in B. A ridge connecting the leaf scars may occur in a'.

They are smooth and green to begin with (figure 8, A), and the leaf scars run down the stem, forming cleancut ridges or wings, which run mostly parallel and do not come close. The buds may be three or more in each leaf axil (that is to say, the hollow formed by the foot of the leaf meeting the stem), but the lateral two may well happen to be concealed from sight (figure 8, A, b) by a large scale. In the commonly cultivated, but much more tender white jasmine, Jasminum officinale, the ridges formed by the leaf scars tend to meet at the joints and may even be connected throughout by a thin transversal line in the region marked a in figure 8, A. Characteristic of these two species is the fact that the leaf does not break away from the stem, forming a clean scar. Moreover, it is the enlargement of the sides of this ragged leaf scar which causes the ridges or wings to come near together in the white jasmine. This species has in the main the same type of wood of Jasminum nudiflorum.

Forsythia is not unlike jasminum in certain respects, but (1) the wood is yellowish to brownish and warty: (2) the leaf scar is clean-cut; (3) the buds may be four, when not more. Characteristically, in this genus a thin line is sometimes seen (figure 8, B á) connecting the opposite leaf scars, which is a relic of the formerly existing stipules. Tenuous as this character rates with us, it cannot be neglected if we teach winter identification. It makes less true the current definition given of the olive family as estipulate (that is to say, wanting stipules) and tends to support the contention of some cytologists to the effect that forsythia is among the oldest forms of this group of plants. The acanthus and benne families (acanthaceae and pedaliaceae), both well represented in cultivation in the tropics and warm temperate regions, are best separated, as a matter of fact, by the presence, or absence, of this revealing transversal line between the leaf bases. There is more here than hits the casual eye, or that I may now write about, and this something cuts indeed deep.

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ed the base of the white cutting is treated with auxin. While the Ruth Wilcox hibiscus does not respond to regular treatments of auxin, the grafted hibiscus shoot is incapable of producing roots without additional auxin.

The two factors necessary for root formation on the white hibiscus cuttings were shown to be auxin and a factor, or complex, in the leaves of the red hibiscus. The downward transport of the leaf complex of the red hibiscus takes place through the bark and is not strictly rectilinear. Further research will tell whether the root-forming effect of the red hibiscus leaves is hormonal, nutritional, or both.

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"The trouble is with that dog of yours, Red, he's overtrained," says Emil. We had stopped in at Red's filling station on the way back from town one Saturday afternoon last fall during the bird season. Red was sitting back of the stove picking out cockle burrs off a moth-eaten setter. Red didnt say nothing so Emil continued. "I never seen a dog like him, Red, when Doc and me was walking the big slough this morning, that dog come to a point and Doc says to me, 'Take it easy, Emil, looks like Dan has found a covey of birds. Me and Doc sneaked up slow with our guns ready expecting to get up some birds and all Dan was interested in was a couple of field mice. He had them pointed real good. He's overtrained, Red, that's what he is. Who trained him anyway, Red, you ought to get your money back."

In the first place, Emil, since when did you get to be an expert on hunting dogs? This here is a high class dog. He's got papers."

Papers my eye, Red, they don't give out papers on nothing but pure bred dogs. If he's got papers I'll eat the papers myself. Lets see them.'

"All I got to do is send in. The papers is \$20.00 extra so I didnt bother. I got this dog for a bargain, only \$10.00 on account of his back end is weak. Just wait until I build him up a little. Why should I spend money on papers on a \$10.00 dog?"

"Got time for a little three-handed, Red?" Emil says. "I'll play you for one of them 3-cent cigars you got in the case there labelled 12 cents."

"Can't do it, Emil," Red says, "I got to grease Morses Buick this P. M. Morse wants it by 5 o'clock, only I got to get some of these burrs out first.

"Well, Chas.," Emil says, "lets get on back to the nursery. By the way, Red, keep your eye open for a good tree dog. There's coons back there in the River bottoms by the old gravel pit. Let me know if you hear of a good tree hound, Red.

A couple of days later we had a phone call from Red. "You still want that dog, Emil?" Red says. "There's an old Model A out here with a couple of rods burned out. Man and his wife and 5 kids are heading for Michigan. There's a Arkansas license on the car. Now here's the proposition, they're stuck here at the station and from what I make out they are down to a couple of dollars and two dogs. One is a tree dog the gent says, genuine blue tick, and the other is a good all around dog. He'll sell either dog or both. He needs money to get rolling again. If you're interested come on down right away."

"I'll be down in a few minutes, tell him to wait there, Red. I got to see the dogs first. I might take both dogs if they look good to me,"

Emil says.

"Get the truck, Chas., I might make a deal for a couple of dogs that is if they look good. They got to

be good though.

The man from Arkansas hit it off with Emil right away. "If you got a place where the old lady and the kids can set up our tent overnight, I'll show you what that dog can do," he says to Emil. "That there is what you call a real tree dog.

"One time he got on the trail of something and followed it all night. I heard him bark away off but I couldnt keep up with him. Along toward daylight I heard him heading back and something went past me like a flash as I was sitting there taking a rest in the woods. That dog was so smart he waited until he was right in a draw in back of my shanty, and then he treed the biggest wildcat I ever seen. He tuckered that cat out in an all night run and treed him right at my door. Thats what I call a tree dog, mis-

"Is he good on coon?" Emil says. "Thats the thing. Coons is what I'm

going after."

"If I was to tell you about coon hunting with this dog and his mother that I worked with him, say

Just then a hatchet faced woman stuck her face out of the car. "Luke," she yelled, "I'm tired out a'sitting here waitin'. You get this contraption going or me and the younguns will light out on foot.

"Twant take long, Lucy, just you rest there till I make me a deal,"

Luke says to his wife.

Luke turned to Emil. "I got to get that car fixed so we can drive it. I run short of money, otherwise I wouldnt sell that dog to my own

Emil was thinking. I could tell he

was studying the situation over in his mind. Finally as I predicted to myself in the first place, he says to me, "Charlie, back the truck around in front here and we will tow this outfit out to the nursery. There's more room to work there and Luke can set up the tent until he gets the car fixed."

"You all run a tree nursery?" Luke asked. "Thats funny, I'm sort of a nurseryman myself. I don't grow the stuff but I pull trees out of the woods. I ship it out. One time I run onto a thicket of Redbuds and shipped

a carload of them."

Now all of the members which are acquainted with Emil can see there wasnt a chance to shake Luke off of Emil. He is a sucker for trades and also at this time he was in a sweat to get a new hunting dog. Emil was riding with me in the truck. "It wouldn't hurt to have a carload of Redbud, Chas., to sell at the convention. I will go to work and make a deal to clean up. Before I buy any dogs I got to try them out first. According to the moon this is a good night for coons."

Emil was talking mostly to himself as we towed the old car full of Luke and his family, his camping outfit and two dogs all squeezed into and tied onto an old Model A tudor. I pulled

up by the corncrib and stopped.
"Theres a good spot to pitch your tent, Luke," Emil says, pointing to a level place between the windmill and the corncrib. "Its right handy there to the well."

Before I got the truck packed those boys of Lukes had the tent up and they were hollering for something to eat. "Mind if I send a couple of the boys out for rabbits. We'll be needing a little meat for supper." Luke asked Emil.

"Go ahead out in back of the barn

there, but I aint seen a rabbit all fall," Emil says.
"There's where my all around dog comes in," Luke says, "he'll scare up rabbits even if there aint any.

Before I started for home those two boys was back with three rabbits and two hen pheasants. Emil was real pleased about the performance of the dog in scaring up game but he made a hasty dive for those pheasants. "This aint pheasant season, and beside its closed on hens

anyway. If you get caught with them birds it will be mighty expensive meat."

"Down home we dont pay no attention to the regulations, that is if we are up against it for meat," Luke says. "Get the feathers off them birds boys and keep your eyes open."

"Its a funny thing, Luke," says

"Its a funny thing, Luke," says Emil, "but I aint seen a rabbit all fall. I thought they was all gone."

"I wouldnt give a dang for any dog that couldnt scare out a few rabbits any place. That dog is a all around dog. He can get birds or he can run a squirrel or anything thats good eatin. I trained him not to monkey with anything a body cant use for victuals."

Emil was always cautious in making a deal so he didnt make any passes for buying the dog, just then. "Maybe tomorrow we can go out with that dog, Luke, so I can see how he works. If he works good for me, I might make you a offer on him."

I went on home leaving Emil and Luke discussing the merits of pointers and setters and all around dogs. Next morning when I got to work Emil and Luke was about ready to start out and Emil asked me to go along. There was also two of Luke's cldest boys so there was quite a

All went fine for the first hour or so. That dog chased up more game than I knew was in our part of the country. Emil was getting anxious to make a deal. "I'll tell you what I'll do, Luke," says Emil. "I got a lot of parts for Model A cars. I will go to work and furnish the parts and help you to get your car running and I wont charge you nothing for camping on my land. Maybe I could throw in some potatoes and some milk and \$2.00 in cash. I'll give you that deal on the hunting dog. Then we can make another deal on that tree dog, a separate deal, Luke."

"Might take quite a few parts to fix my car," Luke says. "Sounded to me like the whole insides was falling out but if you will get it fixed to run again and give me a little help with the victuals, I'll let you have that dog."

"All right, Luke, we'll call it a deal," Emil says. He was so pleased with himself, he give me a wink. "Chas.," he says to me, "remember you didnt think much of it when I brought home them two old Model A wrecks thats sittin there behind the greenhouse. Luke ought to get enough stuff there to make a new car."

We made quite a walk that afternoon and worked on down toward the swamp up the river. The dog

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"Know what he's on now?" Luke says. "Its only one thing when he makes a fuss like that. Its wild hawg. That what it is, wild hawg. He's trained special on razor backs down home."

"Aint no wild hogs around here, Luke," Emil says, "must be badger or something, I seen one down here in these bottoms years ago."

"Nope, you cant fool that dog, he knows a wild hawg," Luke says.

By that time them two boys of Luke's was out of sight and the dog was still running with that unearthly howl. In a few minutes we heard a shot and after while one of the boys come back over the hill. "Looks like a 400 pounder, Pop," the boys says. "When we caught up that dog had a death grip on that hawg's hind leg. Maw will sure be glad to get a little side meat. She's tired of rabbits."

"You boys has shot somebody's tame hog, thats what you done and now we will all be in for it. Anybody see you shoot?" Emil says. "Better leave the hog lay and get out of here."

"How far back is she from the road, boys?" Luke asked. "Drag her over in the brush and we'll run down after dark and pick it up. Wild hawg is mighty good eatin, Emil."

We worked on back to the nursery and Emil was in a sweat all the way. "Wonder who's got hogs down in that swamp, Chas?" he says to me.

When we got back to the office, Emil was really worried and he kept a weather eye out to see if anybody was driving in with the sheriff. He had cooled down quite a bit on the deal for the dog.

Luke's family was all packed up and ready to leave. "Whats the idea, Lucy, apacking up thataway?" says Luke. "We aint got the car fixed vet."

"There wasnt nothing the matter with the car, Pop," one of the boys says. "The oil pan was hanging by one bolt and all the oil drained out. It was the oil pan dragging that made all the noise. We bolted it back on and we found some oil there in back of the shed and we're all ready."

"Well what do you know," says Luke, "then I dont have to sell the dogs after all." Before Emil could think of what to do next, they was all loaded in and driving out.

For several days afterward there was a lot of talk around about some-body butchering one of old man Morses hogs, just cutting out the loins and leaving it lay.

Emil was into the bank one day

talking to Morse. "Believe me, Mr. Morse, if I ever hear hide or hair of who done that I would tar and feather him. Its a fine situation when a persons property aint safe right here in Riverbend. I'll sure let you know if I should find any clues on it," says Emil, as he walked out.

START GLADIOLUS TRIALS.

W. Ray Hastings, Harrisburg, Pa., secretary treasurer of All-America Seed Selections and of All-America Rose Selections, Inc., has been appointed honorary vice-president and counselor of the New England Gladiolus Society, which held its national gladiolus conference this spring at Michigan State College, East Lansing, with over 100 in attendance.

The New England Gladiolus Society and affiliated societies are sponsoring national trials for the testing and evaluation of new seedling varieties in similarity to the All-America Selections. Three trial grounds have been established and are starting operation in 1946. Dr. C. E. Wildon, of the department of horticulture at Michigan State College, is in charge of the trials at East Lansing, which are directly sponsored by the Michigan Gladiolus Society. Dr C. J. Gilgut, chairman of the board of trustees of the New England Gladiolus Society, will conduct the trials at the Waltham experiment station, Waltham, Mass. The third location this year will be under the supervision of Ralph J. Pommert, Pacific, Wash., in connection with the Washington experiment station at Puyallup.

Entries may be made at all or any of these trial grounds until May 15, the closing date for receiving entries. Other trial grounds, representing climatic and geographic sections of the country, will be added in the future until they will be national in scope and coverage.

It is expected that the gladiolus trials will soon be an excellent guide to the trade and to the public on the most worthy and satisfactory new varieties to offer and to plant, as now there are about 150 introductions annually.

Mr. Hastings had conducted gladiolus trials for H. C. Hastings Seed Co., Atlanta, Ga., before his fifteen years' experience with the All-America trial gardens.

TEN NEW DAY LILIES.

Ten new day lilies developed by Dr. A. B. Stout, curator of education and laboratories at the New York Botanical Garden, were named and described by him for the first time in the April, 1946, issue of the Journal of the New York Botanical Garden.

They are August Orange, Blanche Hooker, Caprice, Fantasia, Fiftieth Anniversary, Firebrand, Georgia, Manchu, Viking and Rose Gem.

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Of the ten 1946 selections several merit special distinction for their color and form. Blanche Hooker has often been called the best red of all the seedlings in bloom at the New York Botanical Garden in late May. Fantasia has widely spreading petals and sepals, with pale and dull red tints over greenish-yellow, offering a two-toned pattern.

Fiftieth Anniversary, named for the garden's founding in 1895, is a handsome large flower of orange-red. The petals are marked with oxblood red, and the throat is tinged with green. Georgia is an unusual pastel combination of pale rose and buff, while Viking is a tall plant of good foliage with flowers of orange-

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Plant Notes Here and There

By C. W. Wood

There are bread-and-butter bell-flowers, such as Campanula carpatica in variety and C. persicifolia in variety, some of little interest to anyone except botanists, of which C. cristocalyx, as I have had it, is an example, and then there are a host of others which would give a decided fillip to the specialist or the neighborhood grower with clientele of seekers for the unusual. One of the latter is the Caucasian beauty, C. mirabilis.

Although a monocarpic species, it commands attention by its sheer beauty. Parenthetically, a monocarp should hold little if any terror for the gardener or grower. We never think of discarding Canterbury bells because it dies after flowering. Why, then, should we fear others of that class? The advent of mirabilis into gardens was as thrilling as is the beauty of the plant. Chroniclers of horticultural history tell us that just one plant of the species ever has been found, and that only one capsule of viable seeds was on that plant. From these few seeds have sprung all the beauty of which mirabilis is capable and all the plants which have since gladdened gardeners.

For description I can do no better than quote Farrer's: "Take a silverless rosette of Saxifraga cotyledon; stick into it a rather small-flowered, pale blue Canterbury bell spike (about ten inches tall), and you have C. mirabilis, the most ancient of all campanulas, a plant almost geologic in its antiquity." As it has behaved here, I should judge that it needs little more than ordinary care; good drainage and a fair amount of moisture at the roots are its principal requirements. In this climate, north Michigan, shade from the noonday sun also seems to help.

Foamflower.

I have been singing the praises of foamflower for more years than I care to remember; yet I find it no more plentiful in nurseries than it was twenty years ago. That is not as it should be, either, for in it, Tiarella cordifolia of botanists, we have a plant of many uses both in the land-scape and to grow for cutting in the open and under glass. It offers many opportunities for profit in the neighborhood nursery. In fact, if I were located near a good cut flower market, I should explore all of its pos-

sibilities as a cutting item in the greenhouse in late winter and in frames in early spring, knowing that I had an item of sufficient unusualness in that role to command attention.

When foamflower is mentioned. as a landscape plant, we usually find stressed the fact that it sends up 6-inch or taller, usually much taller, stems, each bearing terminal racemes of creamy-white foamflowers. That is a distinguishing mark, of course, of the plant - the character which reminded Miss Jekyll "of foam tossed aside by a mountain torrent" - but that does not represent half the plant's value as a landscape ornament. Its greatest charm to me lies in its broadly ovate, lobed, serrate leaves. These are a pretty green throughout spring and early summer and then commence to take on various shades of bronzy-red, a condition that is sure to result in rich moist soil in cool shade. Years ago there was offered a form with purple flowers, which I suspect I would not care for, but I once saw a lovely salmon-colored flower and other variations are mentioned, including one with maroon blooms.

It is a most accommodating plant, adapting itself to almost any soil in shade or half sun, but it grows best and gives best leaf coloring in a moist soil, rich in leaf mold in some shade. These preferences of the plant will suggest many uses in the land-scape to observant growers, and its type of inflorescence and blooming period will give hints of numerous combinations in addition to that of foamflower and forget-me-not, which is most often seen in gardens where the subject of our sketch is known.

Elecampane.

When visiting gardens, I always keep my eyes open to see if old-time favorites are present and, if so, how they are used. These mental notes taken over the years reveal many interesting trends. In the case of elecampane, Inula helenium, it was disheartening to watch its utter neglect for years after reading the early garden records, in which it is stated time and again that the plant, regarded as a cure-all, was an inhabitant of every garden worthy of the name. A gradual tapering off in popularity is noted down the years until it quite disappeared from gardens except those owned by the lovers of old-time plants.

It is heartening, though, to notice that it is appearing again and that gardeners are beginning to see its value for certain landscape roles. Among these it may be noted that it

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Primula Sieboldi.

Few gardeners seem contented unless they have at least one primrose in their gardens. That is true for a number of reasons, perhaps the most prominent one being the halo which writers have pictured around the name during the years. No doubt the illusiveness of some kinds and the difficulty of culture in a number of species have also had some bearing. It seems to me, though, that some writers have been far too pessimistic about culture in eastern America. Their pessimism certainly has kept a lot of gardeners from trying to grow the plants. And a few trials would undoubtedly prove to them that all is not so dark as it has been pictured.

For instance, they would probably find that the Asiatic, P. sieboldi, would welcome their advances. Of the easier primroses, this species deserves special mention, not only because it takes kindly to conditions in the eastern states, but also for the beauty of its best forms. It is highly variable as to color, as all know who have grown it from seeds (incidentally, it is almost as easy from seeds as its near relative, P. cortusoides, which you probably know is almost as easy as radishes), varying from entrancing pure white through pink of a myriad shades to rose and rosy-

In the average lot of seedlings there will be some of inferior quality, to be sure, but there will surely be some that will thrill even the most experienced of primula connoisseurs, thrill them not only by size of flower but also for beauty of color. If one gets a pure rose or a pure white of large size, he will have something to dream about. Selected forms may be propagated by division at almost any time of the year.

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Phlox Olympia.

If other gardeners have as much trouble keeping their phlox plants (P. paniculata varieties) sightly, I wonder how nurserymen sell any stock at all. It may be, though, that their spectacular performance at flowering time so far outweighs their proneness to mildew and other maladies that the shortcomings are overlooked by most. A new variety, Olympia, which I saw in an Ohio nursery last summer gave me hope, however, that better phlox days are ahead of us. There was no indication that the nurseryman had stood over the plants with a sprayer to keep mildew under control, yet they were clothed to the ground with attractive green leaves, a condition that one seldom sees in a phlox planting. Probably its vigor (some plants were four feet tall and five feet is not unusual, it is said) is the foundation of its ability to throw off disease. In any case, it was a fine upstanding plant. Although its flower heads are large, the red-centered white flowers are not so closely packed that it produces the "club" effect of some kinds; on the other hand, it is quite airy and withal a variety of much promise in itself and, may we hope, the forerunner of a race of disease-resistant phloxes.

Creeping Cinquefoil.

Looking at lists of plants for paved walks, one is forced to the conclusion that the planting, or rather the plants, are given more consideration than the traveler who uses the path. If you do not think that is true, try picking your way along a walk whose crevices are filled with plants growing six to eight inches high. Plants for paved walks need careful choosing, it seems to me. In the light of experience, you will probably agree that lowgrowing plants are needed for the purpose, especially for planting in the center of the walks. At the same time, they must be able to take a lot of punishment from the shoes that trample on them.

All of which leads me to a little cinquefoil, the Potentilla repens, obtained from a western dealer several years ago, which seems to fill the bill better than many plants of wider acceptance. For general garden use, it would have little value, but for paved-walk planting it has many virtues. Its stature of an inch answers the requirements of low growth; its finely cut leaves are ornamental

throughout the garden year; a long season of small yellow flowers adds not a little to its attractiveness, and it seems quite indifferent to abuse. The last is of great importance in a plant that has to take the abuse of a paved walk.

The Golden Drop.

During the early 1930's, the golden drop, Onosma stellulatum tauricum, was to be found in many plant catalogs and in not a few neighborhood nurseries; at present one seldom sees it. That puzzled me for a long time. Certainly, the plant has sufficient virtues to endear it to gardeners after they once know it. To arrive at a solution, I asked a number of growers why they no longer listed it and was told that the plant proved short-lived with them. That is only relatively true, however, and must depend upon local soil conditions, for I have one plant at least that is all of 20 years old, and it is bigger, better and more beautiful than it ever was. It looks to me as though longevity is largely dependant upon drainage and exposure. As one would expect from their hairy leaves, all

onosmas require perfect drainage. That is easily secured in light sandy soil, of course, but if one operates on heavy clay, that is another matter. Then the plant should be grown in specially prepared beds and, when planted permanently in gardens, it should be put in a raised position, as in a wall, where it never has wet feet and will be in full sun.

The plant is worth that trouble, too, not only for its lovely golden drop, strung along 18-inch stems during June and July, but also for its fountains of beautiful silvered foliage. It may be grown from seeds, when available, and from cuttings. The latter, taken soon after flowering and inserted in sand in a shaded frame outdoors, will be ready for lining-out stock the following spring.

Spring Beauties.

As the season of the spring beauty, Claytonia virginica, draws to an end, I am reminded that it is an item not often seen in neighborhood nurseries. It probably would never be a heavy seller, because it does not lend itself to extended use in the average garden, but many a gardener, espe-

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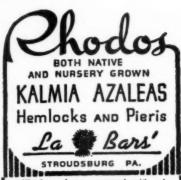
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cially one who knew the plant in its native state in his young days, would use it if he could find a source of supply. It is, then, one of the minor items which could be used to add a little to the black figures in your account books.

It is not a prepossessing plant when seen in the wild under the fierce competition wildlings often have to contend with. However, transfer it to a good leafy soil in the wild garden or to a dampish shady pocket in the rock garden and see how it picks up, showing the characters which have given it the common name of spring beauty. There is some variation in flower color, a fact which may be taken advantage of by frequenters of spring woods, for the deeply buried corms are easily moved when the narrow succulent leaves commence to turn yellow in May in this section. If one wants a deeper color than any C. virginica that I have ever seen, the answer will be found in C. caroliniana. But it would be of little use in hot climates, because it seems to be a lover of coolness. As a matter of fact, I think that my section of Michigan is about as far south as it gets in the middle west, though it is found high in the Appalachians much farther south.

The Turfing Daisy.

The turfing daisy, a ferny-leaved plant of a dozen names (they run all the way from cammaemelum through chrysanthemum to matricaria and pyrethrum), is a plant of many uses. I suspect, in fact, that you will be pleasantly surprised by the de-mand for it that a showing would create. It makes a good turf under trees, where few plants will grow with any grace, and in such situations the occasional use of the lawn mower will maintain a perennially green carpet. It can also be used in the paved walk under the same conditions, be it shady or sunny, or it may be relegated to the walk's outer edges and allowed to grow naturally, when its yellow-centered white daisies on 3inch to 8-inch stems will be ornamental for a long time in spring and early summer. It may be endlessly multiplied from seeds, divisions or cuttings.

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Dr. and Mrs. Eldon W. Lyle were reintroduced to Texas rose growers at a luncheon, April 6, at the Blackstone hotel, Tyler. This occasion opened a drive by the East Texas Rose Growers' Association to build membership in the Rose Research Foundation, which will have its inception at Tyler June 1, when Dr. Lyle will resign from his present position as pathologist at the Texas agricultural experiment station to undertake research work on behalf of the Texas rose industry.

Fifty one persons welcomed Dr. and Mrs. Lyle and heard Jesse D. Breedlove, Sr., outline the early growth of the Rose Research Foundation. Representatives of leading finance institutions of Smith county

were special guests.

The association's president, Clark Kidd, emphasized for the visitors the keen interest of the majority of growers in building a stronger and more efficient rose industry. Since publication of the association's newsletter, "Highlights," March 25, the rose growers' association membership had exactly doubled. Mr. Kidd an-nounced there were fifty-two paid memberships, and ample opportunity for expansion was indicated by a state department of agriculture list of 239 Texas rose producers. Of these, some thirty nurserymen grew over 100,000 rosebushes each in 1945. Total production for 1945 was shown to be 9,500,000 plants, far short of the nation's requirements.

First public notice was given of application to the War Assets Corporation by the Rose Research Foundation through the Tyler chamber of commerce and city manager's office for a large cold-storage warehouse presently installed at Camp Fannin, Texas. Nurserymen estimate this facility could store between 1,000,000 and 1,500,000 rosebushes, holding roses from the winter digging season until spring planting season. It would lengthen the marketing period and strengthen wholesale prices, it is be-

lieved.

The rose growers' association's biggest project for this year was formation of Rose Research Foundation of East Texas. Jesse D. Breedlove, Sr., was introduced as a vigorous, progressive Tyler nurseryman and rose grower, who with ten other founders was instrumental in setting up the research foundation. Mr. Breedlove's straightforward address

reminded those attending of the obvious necessity for further progress in the science of rose production. The selection of Dr. Eldon Lyle as research pathologist, Mr. Breedlove said, was a choice of the nation's best qualified scientist.

Members of the new foundation will pay from \$1 to \$2 per thousand rosebushes grown during the last nursery year for the research service. The collection and dissemination of scientific information to members will be accomplished as Dr. Lyle sets up a research laboratory, greenhouse and various experimental works on commercial fields in the area. The eleven original foundation sponsors, according to Mr. Breedlove, desired that membership be industry-wide and that every commercial rose grower apply for membership.

Dr. Lyle was introduced as the man charged with curing the industry's ills, a man whose past success with roses earned the confidence of all the country's rose nurserymen. He began his talk by bringing the growers' attention to research opportunities when his work begins June 1. Dr. Lyle demonstrated a thorough understanding of rose production

problems and was able to offer the growers valuable advance suggestions on rose diseases, soils and trimming of understocks.

He concluded his address with projection of Kodachrome slides assembled during his previous rose study, which terminated in 1942. Especially emphasized was the check of rose leaf black spot, cane dieback. and treatment of rose cuttings against nematode and crown gall. Some beautiful Kodachromes were shown of several east Texas rose fields in full foliage and bloom after treatment with copper-sulphur dust, which has become a regular application with progressive growers. By actual tests, Dr. Lyle said, the size of dusted roses of the several varieties tested was increased an average of forty-five per cent over untreated bushes in the same field. Dr. Lyle expressed confidence that an even better treatment could be developed and indicated this would be one of his objectives in early research with the rose foundation.

Guests at the luncheon were Dr. and Mrs. Eldon W. Lyle; Bill Lee, secretary, Tyler Production Credit Association; J. H. Stringer, vice-president, Tyler State Bank & Trust Co.; Joe Roberts, Citizens National Bank, and Mrs. J. C. Ratsek.

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Prepared as a guide to the home dweller in the planting and care of his grounds and gardens, "Grounds for Living" is a volume full of practical information that may find a place on the reference shelf of the nurseryman. Just published by the Rutgers University Press, at \$2.50, it was edited and written by members of the staff of the New Jersey college. Contributors of the chapters are: Home setting, Charles H. Connors; lawn, Gilbert H. Ahlgren; shade trees, Pascal P. Pirone; flowers and plants, Henry M. Biekart; hobby flower crops, O. Wesley Davidson; vegetables, Richard B. Farnham; fruits, J. Harold Clark; soil, Firman E. Bear; outdoor construction, Wabun C. Krueger.

These names will be recognized for their previous contributions to horticultural lore and their guidance as of the best. The text of 334 pages is supplemented by more than 150

illustrations.

The book is a guide to the homeowner who is primarily interested in planning his grounds so as to derive the most pleasure and benefit from the plantings. To that extent the book is practical in its counsel and suggestions. While some planting lists appear, the book is by no means a detailed manual for the suburbanite. It is a competent work for the adult gardener, written out of the knowledge of the contributing authors, to meet the needs of the current period.

AMERICAN ROSE ANNUAL.

The 1946 American Rose Annual is the thirty-first yearbook of the American Rose Society, edited by R. C. Allen, secretary-editor, a worthy successor to J. Horace McFarland in the performance of this task. The 250-page book is amply illustrated, with about one-half of the illustrations in color.

Most of the fifty-odd articles are contributed by amateur rosarians from various parts of the country, a few from other countries. Other articles are contributed by commercial rose growers and by staff members of some of the agricultural colleges.

The topics include the many phases of growing garden roses. Some articles deal with special cultural and varietal suggestions for trying regions.

One of the most important sections of the book for those who take their roses seriously is that called "Proof of the Pudding." This regu-

lar feature comprises brief reports on the performances of new varieties in members' gardens. The information is summarized and grouped in such a way that it is possible to get a good picture of how a new rose is performing in almost any section of the country. About 150 members have contributed to this department.

The American Rose Annual is published by the American Rose Society, Harrisburg, Pa., and is sent to all members of the society. Nonmembers may purchase the annual for \$3.50. Membership is open to amateur and commercial rose growers.

SHADE TREE PROCEEDINGS.

While no meeting of the National Shade Tree Conference was held in 1945, the usual volume of proceedings has been issued, just appearing from the press. Invitational papers and reports of national officers and committees make up about one-third of the book of 184 pages, while similar space is occupied by the proceedings of the twelfth Western Shade Tree Conference and of the sixth Southern Shade Tree Conference.

The volume is filled with informa-

tion helpful to the arborist, from scientific workers and from practicing tree men. It is full value in itself for the membership fee of the National Shade Tree Conference. The capable editor of the volume is Dr. Paul E. Tilford, Wooster, O.

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In doing business by telephone, be it placing orders or securing service, the customer too often meets with surly indifference. Lack of courtesy seems to be the rule rather than the exception in these days of prosperity,

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COVER ILLUSTRATION.

Abies Homolepis.

Abies homolepis, the Nikko fir, is a native of Japan and was intro-duced around 1861. It is a large, distinctly pyramidal tree, said to reach a height of 100 feet in its native habitat. Specimens in this country seldom reach a height exceeding fifty to sixty feet. This tree exhibits a broad base, and the spreading upturned branches form a distinct pyramidal top. The glossy dark green leaves spread outward and upward, forming a characteristic V-shaped depression over the twigs. The branchlets are grooved, furnishing a character that can be used for identification purposes. Additional iden-tification points are in oval resinous buds and smooth gray twigs.

As with most of the firs, the Nikko fir is relatively slow-growing and requires a cool climate for most satisfactory growth. Because of this fact, most of the firs do better in the east and at the higher altitude than they do in the midwest. This point seems to be particularly true of the Nikko fir. It has not done too well in the middle west, but is usually reported as one of the best of the firs in the eastern states. It is not adapted to planting in congested areas nor will it stand crowding. Under such conditions, it drops its lower branches, the growth is poor and the foliage loses much of its attrac-

Propagation is usually by seeds which may be sown in the fall or held over winter at a cool temperature and sown the following spring.

The Nikko fir will find rather extensive use for a medium-size evergreen tree in the northeastern states and the north central states. In the hotter and dryer portions of the central states, away from the lake areas, it will not be so satisfactory.

L. C. C.

[Photograph from New York Botanical

BEN L. BORY has sold the Mount Vernon Nursery, San Bernardino, Cal., and has purchased Brock's Garden Supply, at Colton.

THE Homedale Nursery & Landscape Co., Minneapolis, Minn., has been started by Russell H. Zakariasen, recently discharged naval gun-nery officer. He was formerly associated with the Lynnhurst Nursery, Minneapolis. An office building has already been erected on the 16-acre plot on highway No. 7 east of Hop-



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Letters from Readers

REJECT FOR NEMATODE.

The object of this letter is to save eastern nurserymen a lot of needless expense and the California nurserymen considerable disappointment. We are referring to the matter of shipping plants which are infested with root nematode. Such plants will positively be rejected by any county commissioner in the area generally known as northern California. This may be a slightly misleading term, as it includes more than three-quarters of the state. The coast range and the Sierra Nevada mountains come together about twenty-five or thirty miles south of Bakersfield, and there are called the Tehachapi mountains. It is generally understood in California that everything south of the Tehachapi is southern California and north of it is northern California. We cannot guarantee that no rejections would occur in southern California, but the northern part is comparatively free from this pest and agricultural authorities are determined to keep it out as far as possible. It is so easily recognized by any competent inspector that there is absolutely no excuse for shipping such plants to this area.

Walter B. Clarke.

ATTENTION, SECRETARIES!

It grieves me a lot each month's end when we receive our monthly bank statement and find missing therein checks given to the many nursery associations of which we are members. It seems as though association business is a secondary matter with the secretaries of most local and state organizations (all of whom operate their own nursery business properly).

They usually hold dues checks until a large number accumulates and then deposit them all at one time. It should be easy to carry small cash envelopes along to the bank when making a regular business deposit and cash the dues checks, putting the money in the marked envelopes and holding it until some Saturday or Sunday night to credit the membership dues in the association books. But it is never done.

It becomes irritating when such checks remain out for two or three months sometimes and entries of them have to be repeated at the closing of each month's books, when they could so easily be handled according to the above suggestion and save the ill feeling which is engendered when the association dues checks do not show up in the bank statement.

The American Association of Nurserymen's office is certainly not included in this complaint.

George F. Verhalen.

TREE EXPERTS FIRM HOLDS STAFF CONFERENCE.

The Cedarvale Tree Experts, Toronto, Can., called together their entire staff for the first in an annual series of conferences, for the purpose of discussion of problems and practices, March 11 and 12. During the years of the war it became most difficult to maintain an educational program comparable to that which was formerly in effect, and while every conceivable method was contrived to provide the best in workmanship, it became apparent that there was a need for standardization of practice, as well as a consideration of the most modern ideas in the field of the tree surgeon.

This conference, therefore, provided the starting point in a new and more vigorous educational program and an opportunity to contact a widely separated staff as one group. Because it is difficult always to make personal contact with men operating at considerable distances from the head office, this conference further made it possible to acquaint the staff

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with the various problems which arise from time to time and to establish a program whereby the men could be visited at regular intervals, at a time when it would be most convenient and of greatest value to

The program was handled almost entirely by members of the staff and covered a wide variety of subjects, well illustrated by a large number of exhibits. The success was measured by the profusion of favorable comments from the staff and by their devoted interest to the subjects under discussion. After an evening meeting, March 10, of foremen and representatives for discussion of problems, two sessions were held on each of the following days, at which were presented talks on various phases of tree work.

A successful conclusion was written to the conference when the management entertained the staff and friends at a banquet, under the genial chairmanship of the general manager, F. E. Martin.

THE Edwardsville Rotary Club met recently at the greenhouses of Ernest Tosovsky's Home Nursery, St. Louis road, Edwardsville. Dr. C. T. Gregory spoke on DDT and the care of lawns.



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The Oklahoma City Retail Nurserymen's Association was invited to hold its meeting last month at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Garland, on their special invitation for the purpose of introducing the bride of Lee Garland, who had just come with the groom from her former home, in Colorado. About two dozen attended. The ladies were entertained at bridge while a short business session was held.

The proposal of pooling purchases through an association manager was discussed. The manager would also be the agent of the members for the disposal of surpluses. The committee formulating plans was instructed to report at the next meeting.

Discussion of landscaping of FHA houses brought forth the opinion that the cheap prices obtained by most nurserymen were due to poor salesmanship. N. D. Woods thought that cooperative effort by the nurserymen might obtain a larger government allowance for landscaping on these small homes.

The association endorsed the amendment to the plant quarantine law recently introduced in Congress by Senator Elmer Thomas.

FLORIDA MEETING.

Florida nurserymen will meet for a round-table discussion of soil and growing problems in connection with the annual meeting of the Florida State Florists' Association, at Tampa, May 19 to 21. Jack O. Holmes is cochairman for the convention, with Harold B. Tinman. The first meeting of the association since 1942, this will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding.

BOOKLETS FOR CUSTOMERS.

Another of the nurseries to come to the aid of its customers with helpful and easily understood information on gardening techniques is the Marshall Nurseries, of Arlington and Omaha, Neb., and Denver, Colo. The firm has issued two booklets, "Care and Culture," which gives instructions on cultivation, watering, pruning and spraying specifically for the trees and plants of the plains regions, and "How to Plant," which gives all the necessary details for the successful planting of ornamental and fruit trees, evergreens, roses, shrubs, small fruits and perennials. Charts, diagrams and sketches further clarify the text, so that even the first-season gardener can follow the instructions with ease.

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California Meetings

RECORD ATTENDANCE AT LOS ANGELES MEETING.

Members of the Los Angeles chapter of the California Association of Nurserymen established a new record for attendance at the meeting of March 27, with 119 members and

guests present.

Highlights of the meeting were an elaborate display of camellias consisting of several hundred blooms, a skit presented by two members, and the opening of the drive to enroll members in the association's com-

pensation insurance plan.

The camellias, which were exhibited and later distributed among the ladies present, were brought to the meeting by A. Carter, of Paul J. Howard's Horticultural Establishment; Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, of the Marshall Camellia Gardens; E. H. Carter, of Carter's Camellia Gardens; E. B. Arnesen, of the Valley Garden Supply Co.; H. Swayne and John A. Armstrong, of the Armstrong Nurseries; Howard Asper, of Rancho Del Descanso, and Pete Mordigan, of the Mordigan Evergreen Nurseries. A detailed and informative discussion of the history, varieties, propagation and cultivation of camellias was given by Will Wood-ruff, of the Valley Garden Supply Co.

G. Norden Hanover and Miss Hollybaugh, of the Hanover Nurseries, presented a two-act skit burlesquing the trials and tribulations of a nurseryman in the daily course of dealing with female shoppers. This innovation was well received, and it is planned in the future to call upon other members to present home tal-ent skits of a similar nature.

Paul Moulder, president of the state association, gave the membership a report on the semiannual meeting of the board of directors, held at Santa Barbara March 11 to 13 and reported in the preceding issue of the American Nurseryman.

Howard Gill, of the State Compensation Insurance Fund, outlined the methods by which members of the association may participate in the group compensation insurance plan. California nurserymen have been signing up in large numbers, and it is expected that within the next six months the majority of them will be in the group.

The executive secretary of the state association, Jack Lincke, outlined the procedure being followed in conducting a state-wide survey of wages in

the nursery industry. Upon receipt of the 2,000 forms sent out, the wage data will be reduced to a common denominator, and it is expected that committees of nurserymen in the state's seven wage areas will among themselves set up standard rates for given nursery occupations. A spot survey conducted in Los Angeles county has indicated the need for this

The meeting was presided over by the chapter president, Stewart Henson, who introduced Mrs. Esther Mc-Connell, the new chapter secretary. In order to handle chapter affairs more efficiently through relieving the elected secretary of the burdensome details of correspondence, minute keeping and other chapter details, it was decided by the Los Angeles group to employ a qualified stenographer. It is believed that all chapters in the state will do likewise.

The new chapter secretary reported to the meeting that since June, 1945, the total membership of the Los Angeles group had increased six-

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CENTRAL CHAPTER HEARS GROUP INSURANCE PLAN.

For the first time in over three years, the Central California Nurserymen's Association held a meeting on the peninsula side of the bay. The meeting was held at the Milbrae Country Club, at Millbrae, and seventy-five members and guests were present. This is the largest attendance any meeting has ever had. The location is ideal for such a meeting, and it was decided to hold the June meeting there.

The main item of business was a thorough discussion of group insurance for the members. At this time only employees' or workingmen's compensation insurance was taken up. Jack Lincke, executive secretary of the state association, had come from the main office at Los Angeles, as he had fathered the plan, and he told of its benefits. Some further details were furnished by R. L. Schworn,

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who represented the California state insurance commission, which handles workingmen's compensation insurance for individuals or groups who do not carry protection in a private insurance company.

Mr. Lincke said a survey had shown, first, that many nurserymen carried no workingmen's compensation insurance, in spite of the fact that the state law required such insurance be carried and that every employer of even one man was liable to a \$5,000 fine if his helper were injured and the employer carried no insurance. In addition, such an injured employee could, and no doubt would, further sue in a civil court for such injuries and, carrying no insurance, the nurseryman was beaten at the start and might lose everything he had in a judgment to the employee.

The advantage of group insurance through the state association is the cash savings to the members of the group, compared with individual policies carried either with the state or private companies. Mr. Lincke told the members that the savings would more than pay their dues in the nurserymen's association. He said forty-six members were already paying the state insurance, so that there were enough nurserymen to insure a group policy. The others were advised to permit their current policies in private companies to run out and then to take up the insurance with the state. Most of the members signed up to do as recommended. The rate with the state for nurserymen is \$1 per hundred dollars of pay roll, while for office help it is 7 cents and for traveling salesmen it is 47 cents. The dividends on the policy can run up to eighty per cent of the premium paid, but the best experience to date is about sixty per cent, and as a rule it will run from twenty-five to sixty per cent.

New members and guests present at the meeting included T. R. O'Connor, White Oaks Nursery, San Carlos; T. L. Pennington, San Carlos; B. L. Sherwood, Menlo Park Nursery, Menlo Park; Jack F. Schneider, Orchard & Nursery Supply Co., La-fayette; H. W. Kerrigan, Kerrigan Nursery, Oakland; Paul Van Kempf, Pacific Nursery, Colma; Joe H. Macho, Lomita Park Nursery, Lomita Park; Wayne Sherwood, Menlo Park Nursery; Menlo Park; George P. Doig, Home Garden, Palo Alto; Wray Hiltabrand, state department of agriculture, Sacramento; A. P. Messenger; Max Leonard, San Mateo county agricultural commissioner; M. H. Chamberlain, Hillside Nurs-

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TRI-COUNTY GROUP MEETS.

The forty-sixth meeting of the Tri-County chapter of the California Association of Nurserymen was held at the Hotel Lobero, Santa Barbara, March 22.

After dinner President Walter Knecht called for the presentation of the guests. They were Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Ventura; Mr. and Mrs. Murphy, Camarillo; Harold Lewis, Camarillo, and Cliff Melton, Ventura.

Bert Kallman, who represented the Tri-County chapter at the state association's board of directors' meeting at Santa Barbara, presented the minutes of both sessions, held March 11 and 12. Mr. Kallman indicated that he was impressed with the able manner in which Jack Lincke had conducted the office of executive secretary and that there had been some real accomplishments since Mr. Lincke had begun his organizational program.

The question of hiring a secretary for the Tri-County chapter was discussed briefly. Clarence Mets' proposal that the present secretary be instructed to prepare a report to the executive committee regarding a plan to hire an assistant to carry out the routine duties that have been outlined by the board of directors and accepted by the Tri-County chapter was unanimously approved.

Mr. Mets and Mr. Kallman, membership chairmen for Ventura and Santa Barbara counties respectively, called for a new drive for increased participation of all nurserymen of these counties in the California Association of Nurserymen.

The speaker of the evening was T. J. Parker, of Los Angeles, whose topic was "Soils and Soil Chemistry." Mr. Parker's informal talk was highlighted by rather novel ideas regarding liquid fertilizer application to foliage, and a lively discussion ensued.

Twenty-six members and guests were present.

Karl Walter Opitz, Sec'y.

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION SEEKS CENSUS DATA.

Preliminary talks have been had with H. J. Ryan, Los Angeles county agricultural commissioner, by Jack Lincke, executive secretary of the California Association of Nurserymen, with respect to compiling an annual census of nursery production



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in the state. At the present time, California does not have such figures. Data are collected on citrus and nut trees and some other products by the bureau of nursery service, and the county agricultural commissioners collect other data on some of the material produced. However, at present, there is no over-all industry-wide compilation of the state's total output of all nursery material.

By coordinating the work of the bureau of nursery service, the county agricultural commissioners and the state association office, it is believed that a worth-while summary can be produced each year that will be of great value to the industry.

In time the association will have a backlog of figures that will serve many purposes. Chief among these will be the avoidance of overproduction and a gauge of the state's capacity to absorb nursery products.

Subsequent talks on the subject were arranged with A. A. Brock, state director of agriculture, and J. Lee Hewitt, supervisor of nursery service.

CALIFORNIA NOTES.

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John Willard Lawrence, of Hayward, has been appointed instructor of floriculture at the San Francisco Junior College, Bert Plath, a director of the Central California Nurserymen's Association, was one of the members of the board aiding in this selection.

The San Fernando Nurserymen's Association is planning a flower show in the near future. With the Kiwanis Club, it is also aiding actively in a postwar garden program contest. Speakers at the last meeting of the group were Evan Hughes, of the Blue Cross Insurance Co., and James H.

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Pitts and Howard Gill, of the California State Compensation Insurance Fund.

The California college of agriculture, from its Berkeley offices, announces that Dr. C. B. Hutchinson, for fifteen years dean of the college, has been appointed vice-president as of April 1.

Members of the state department of agriculture at a recent meeting of the Central California Nurserymen's Association announced progress is being made on the pinto tag organization which may include up to thirteen of the northern counties. It was positively announced that it would be a long time before the entire state could be included in such a program because of the great differences in plant materials and plant insect and disease problems in the northern and the southern parts of the state.

Representatives of the wholesale fruit tree producers of the state met at Modesto April 11. Considerable out-of-meeting conversation dealt with the prices of fruit trees in 1947. It was pretty well agreed that there would be no changes, either up or down, for at least another year. Supplies are on the short side, and the amount of trained labor in sight does not give much hope for overproduction of budded or grafted stock for several years. Demand is increasing slightly, particularly from homeowners.

W. B. B.

CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR.

Approving premiums totaling more than \$30,000, directors of the California state fair last month set a flower exhibit standard unprecedented in state fair history.

W. S. Hillis, of Madera, is chairman of the floriculture committee.

The 1946 flower exhibit at the state fair, August 29 to September 9, is expected to be the greatest display of such nature ever presented in one setting in California. The famed Hall of Flowers was moved to Sacramento from Treasure island and will house special displays, some flown from Pacific areas and South America, according to Ken Fry, exhibit supervisor.

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The major causes for lack of uniformity are split pits, shriveled seeds, nonviable seeds and improper handling and storing. Split pits are quite common, but are more prevalent in some years than in others. A 225pound sample of 1944 Lovell pits contained two per cent split pits, whereas a 225-pound sample of 1945 pits from the same source contained five per cent. When the pit is split the seed is lost during shipping and storage, and while the bulk and weight of the shipment remain approximately the same, there is a reduction in the percentage of germi-

Shriveled seeds do not germinate and thus reduce the stand in the nursery row. A pit may appear normal in every way, but when opened a shriveled seed is found. Both shriveled seed and split pit are undoubtedly due to unfavorable weather conditions during the development of the fruit. A comparison of the 1944 and 1945 crops of peach seeds from the same source showed considerable variation in the number of shriveled seeds. The 1944 sample contained four per cent shriveled seeds, whereas the 1945 sample contained thirty per cent. However, this is not serious if good germination of the remaining seventy per cent is obtained.

Further reduction of germination may occur because of the presence of nonviable seeds. These seeds cannot be distinguished from normal seeds unless actual germination tests are made.

Proper storing and handling of the pits are important. They should be stored in a dry place. Alternate wetting and drying may cause decay of the seeds.

Therefore, a germination test based on the number of pits would provide an approximate prediction of what kind of stand to expect in the nursery row from the seeds planted.

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ing here.'

Tulsa, Okla., went at it in a different way. It had a civic group which provided literature and speakers to urge the public to save the city trees "from ruthless and ignorant mutilation." Anyone who has seen street trees hacked off to piteous stubs in the name of pruning will agree that any movement to educate the public on the difference between butchery and intelligent tree trimming is a mighty good thing.

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lar vein, this by Alan Devoe in the American Mercury.

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"The psychologically-minded may find it profitable to ponder these things and to reflect upon the singular divorce between the themes that stir people to wet-eyed sentimentalism and the themes that really move them to action.

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We culled these items of horticultural interest from "Lock, Stock and Barrel," by Douglas and Elizabeth Rigby:

Thutmose III, Egypt's "Little Napoleon," collected botanical specimens and had them cataloged by carving them in stone in the botanical chamber of the temple at Karnak.

Traveling Egyptians brought home rare plants, and the museum at Alexandria had botanical collections of

Gaston, Duke of Orleans (1608 to 1660), established a private botanical garden.

Madame de Pompadour loved gardens and collected rare and imported plants, among which were fifty orange trees, one yellow jasmine of Judea, a sensitive plant and two pleanders.

But most interesting to Americans is the account of the work of Dr. John Bard and his descendants. In the middle of the eighteenth century, Dr. Bard planted specimen trees on his property near the Hudson, at Hyde Park, N. Y. Over a period of nearly 200 years this country place with its unique specimens has become a veritable arboretum.

In 1939 the late President Roosevelt told a prospective buyer that he greatly desired this place as a public monument, the house to be a museum for the display of forestry, landscaping and similar exhibits. The buyer considerately withdrew, and in 1940, through the owner's generosity, the former Bard estate was turned over to the public for the purposes outlined by Franklin D. Roosevelt.

CONNECTICUT FORESTER.

Henry W. Hicock, for the past twenty-seven years assistant forester at the Connecticut agricultural experiment station, New Haven, has been appointed head of the forestry department to succeed Walter O. Filley, who recently retired.

After receiving his master's degree from Yale University, Mr. Hicock engaged in forestry work in various states and during World War I served overseas as a sergeant in the engineers.

In 1919 Mr. Hicock became associated with the Connecticut station and was in charge in blister rust control for the state and later carried on research in forest soils. More recently he has been engaged in studies of various methods of wood preservation.

THE McDonnell Nursery, Oakland, Cal., held an exhibition, April 6 and 7, of the cut daffodil varieties which it will have to offer next fall. Some kinds were shown for the first time in America.



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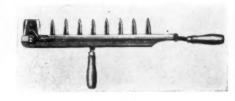
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WESTERN SHADE TREE CONFERENCE PROGRAM.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the western chapter of the National Shade Tree Conference, to be held May 23 to 25, at the Mission Inn, Riverside, Cal., will include field trips as well as an educational program.

The conference will open at 10 a. m., May 23, with a round-table discussion on the outstanding problems of arboriculture. Members of the round table will be Edward Scanlon, editor of Trees, Santa Monica, chairman; Roger Sohner, Sohner Tree Service, San Anselmo; Keith Davey, Davey Tree Surgery Co., San Francisco, and Leslie Mayne, San Mateo.

President Glenn Garwood, superintendent of parks, South Pasadena, will open the afternoon session. On the program will be Dr. Samuel Ayres, reporting on "Arboretum Development"; Howard Wilcomb, of the Los Angeles county agricultural commission, speaking on "The Regulation of Commercial Pest Control Operators"; L. C. Petrie, of the Charles F. Irish Co., Cleveland, O., discussing "Air Pressure Feeding": Dr. George Zentmyer, University of California, at Riverside, telling of new developments in fungicides, and Dr. A. M. Boyce, of the citrus experiment station, Riverside, reporting on new developments in insecticides.

The morning of the second day will be devoted to field demonstrations and the inspection of new equipment, to be followed by a business meeting and the election of officers. The afternoon program will include an open forum discussion on diseases and insect pests under the direction of Prof. P. A. Miller, of the University of California at Los Angeles. After hearing a description of the shade trees in and around Riverside by Dr. A. D. Shamel, of the Riverside board of park commissioners, the group will make a tour of the city's parks and plantings under the direction of George Rash, superintendent of the parks and also local arrangements chairman for the meeting. In the evening there will be a banquet and the installation of the newly elected officers.

The final day of the conference will be given over to a tour of the citrus experiment station at Riverside.

REFORESTATION PROGRAM.

As a result of scientific development, lumber is only one of an endless number of products from the forests, and it is only good business to see that the present and future forests pay greater dividends to all concerned. With this thought in mind, the Wisconsin valley papermaking industry founded Trees for Tomorrow, Inc., at Merrill, Wis., a nonprofit organization to aid in protecting and renewing the woodlands of the Wisconsin valley.

This spring Trees for Tomorrow, Inc., will again distribute two free seedling trees to valley farmers, loggers and timber tract owners, for each tree harvested since 1942, regardless of species. To participate in this two-for-one program, a farmer or timber tract owner need only fill out a return post card at his county agent's office, indicating the soil conditions, the range and section where the trees would be planted and the species desired. The applicant is notified of the exact location and the time when the seedlings will be distributed in his locality. A booklet on correct planting procedure is supplied with the seedlings, and the services of a forester are available for working out forestry management plans.

School, community and memorial forests are included in the mass planting program. School children and community organizations cooperated in planting the Merrill forest of 840 acres of city-owned property which stands as a memorial to the county's military heroes. There are now fifty-six school forests in the valley. During the past year five \$500 forestry scholarships were given by Trees for Tomorrow, Inc., to high school students who showed keen interest and aptitude for forestry.

The plan of reforestation has been so enthusiastically received by the people of Wisconsin that 4,000,000 trees were planted last year and requests for seedlings to be distributed this spring were received as early as June, 1945.

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PLANT QUARANTINE EMERGENCIES.

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introduction of this type of nondetectable diseases. Detention stations for the holding of plants, surveillance and other special safeguards need more serious thought and careful consideration.

No doubt every official here has read and studied the joint resolutions adopted by the Commissioners of Agriculture of the Southern States and the Southern Plant Board at Gulfport, Miss., February 12, 1946. States with good ocean ports are often faced with many acute problems. Arthur C. Brown, plant commissioner of the State Plant Board of Florida, presented at this joint meeting an interesting treatise of the question, "Is our present system of federal plant quarantine enforcement adequate?" This paper is clearly written and brings up a number of important questions needing serious action. Although you may not be entirely in agreement with a few of Commissioner Brown's points, it should be remembered that Florida is actively and substantially supporting the federal plant quarantine program. California, I believe, also cooperates substantially with the federal government in foreign quarantine work. How can the central states be of more assistance to the federal government in foreign plant quarantine work? This is a timely topic and needs to come up for discussion and consideration.

In closing these brief remarks, I should like to urge closer and more active cooperation between the states and especially with the federal government. To repeat again for emphasis, the federal program is our program. Much can be done through the senators and congressmen of our respective states. Congress is responsible for making the laws that safeguard our agriculture. It is our privilege and duty as state regulatory

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officials to see that the senators and congressmen from our respective states have the information and facts needed to act wisely and intelligently in making laws necessary to protect American agriculture from injurious insects and plant diseases from foreign lands.

And lastly, it seems desirable to bring up one more item for thoughtful consideration. We have just passed through the greatest war of history and this is our first peacetime meeting. During the long struggle of war emergencies, there were mass movements of troops and enormous shipments of materials throughout the entire world. Reports should be published of new pests carried into the United States during the long war period. Cooperative federal-state surveys should be initiated immediately on a nation-wide basis to discover newly introduced foreign plant pests and determine their present status and what action, if any, should be taken. A survey of this kind will require several years of close cooperation among the states and between the states and federal government.

OBITUARY.

Edward B. George.

Edward B. George, prominent nurseryman of Lake county, Ohio, died April 14 at his home, at Painesville, following a heart attack. He was 70 years old.

Mr. George was born to the nursery business, his family home being on the grounds of the Storrs & Harrison Nurseries Co., where his father, Robert George, was long vice-president and general manager. Edward George became well known to the trade during his thirty-six years with the Storrs & Harrison firm, of which he was assistant manager and superintendent of greenhouses until 1927. when he succeeded his father as vicepresident and general manager.

Prominent in association activities. he served as vice-president of the American Association of Nurserymen in 1927.

Since February 1 Mr. George had been serving as field manager of the Farm Bureau Agricultural Credit Association and before that time had served with the United States Employment Service.

Mr. George is survived by his widow, Mrs. Katherine Slocum George, whom he married in 1901; a son, Edward W. George, and a sister, Mrs. Albert W. Davis, both of Painesville, and three grandchildren. Another son, Robert, died in 1930.



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Following preliminary studies in which sodium nitrate (both Chilean and synthetic), ammonium nitrate, ammonium sulphate and Uramon were tested, Dr. J. M. Hamilton, plant pathologist stationed at Geneva. N. Y., and Dr. D. H. Palmiter, plant pathologist, and L. C. Anderson, pomologist located at Poughkeepsie, suggest the use of nitrogen in sprays as a means of more accurately controlling the supply of nitrogen in

They report that nitrogen applied to trees in sprays may be absorbed by the leaves and quickly affects the nitrogen content and appearance of the foliage.

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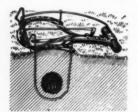
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closely than might be accomplished by application to the soil, and of applying fertilizers in this way as a supplement to soil treatments.

They also found that the effect of nitrogen in sprays on color of foliage and nitrogen content of leaves slowly or gradually disappeared throughout the season. They point out that it was possible to apply nitrogen in the early part of the season so as to have it available to the plant when needed, and yet not have an excess of nitrogen in the fall to interfere with good coloring of fruit. They add that the value of such a practice might be accentuated during periods of low rainfall or in dry areas.

The nitrogen carriers were applied in quantities to supply equal amounts of nitrogen, with the wettable sulphur, lime and arsenate of lead, each at three pounds to 100 gallons of water. The nitrates were used at 5-100, and the other materials on a comparable basis. Uramon, which contains forty-two per cent nitrogen in the form of urea, was also tested at 5-100 and 10-100 concentrations. The trees received about ten to fifteen gallons of spray per tree, and the sprays were applied at the pink stage. at petal fall and fourteen and thirty days after petal fall.

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AN ARTICLE concerning the Ross R. Wolfe Nursery, Stephenville, Tex., appeared in a recent issue of the Sealy, Tex., News. It discussed his papershell pecans, Ross berry, strawberry plants and frost-resistant peach. Mrs. Wolfe's gladiolus and rose garden also were mentioned.

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As described in a recent issue of the Science News Letter, the process consists of submerging the cut plants in an airtight container equipped with a stopcock, and removing the air from the container by means of a water pump until a pressure of about thirty pounds per square inch was obtained. This pressure was maintained for twenty minutes, during which time air bubbles streamed from the plants and water moved into the tissues. The pump was then turned off and the pressure gradually brought back to normal. During treatment, the plant tissues took on a watersoaked appearance and became translucent, but this condition gradually disappeared and the plants appeared normal.

Among the plants tested, the most striking results were obtained with lilacs. Untreated lilacs that lay exposed to the air were badly wilted within eight hours, while vacuumtreated lilacs remained in a fresh, turgid condition four to eight hours longer. Branches placed in water immediately after treatment remained fresh and in condition for five days, whereas untreated branches placed in water wilted within two days and were badly wilted within three days. Conflicting results were obtained with roses. In general, the best results were obtained with plant materials which have large leaves and stems and large inferior ovaries capable of serving as reservoirs.

CATALOGS RECEIVED.

Willis Nursery Co., Ottawa, Kan.— Wholesale price list of shrubs, hedge plants, shade trees, fruit trees, small fruits and perennials; 16 pages and cover, 53/4x83/4 inches.

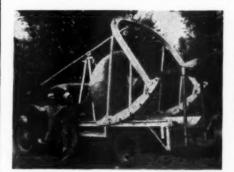
Mount Arbor Nurseries, Shenandoah, la.—Wholesale catalog of fruit trees, small fruits, deciduous trees, ornamental shrubs, roses and perennials; 40 pages, 6x9 inches.

Joseph F. Martin Co., Painesville, O.—Wholesale catalog offers wide variety of perennial plants, chrysanthemums and iris featured; 16 pages and cover, 8½x11 inches.

Somerset Rose Nursery, New Brunswick, N. J.—Wholesale catalog of flower and vegetable seeds, hardy chrysanthemums and new English chrysanthemums, greenhouse and pot plants, 48 pages and cover, 8½x11 inches.

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Charles Fiore Nurseries, Prairie View, Ill.—Wholesale price list of shade and ornamental trees, flowering shrubs, evergreens, fruit trees and perennials; 36 pages and cover, 4x9 inches.

New Augusta Nursery, New Augusta, Ind.—Wholesale price list of perennials, 2 sheets 8½x11 inches; also retail price list of perennials, 4 sheets 8½x11 inches, one sheet devoted to iris.

Thomas B. Meehan Co., Dresher, Pa.—Price list of ornamental trees and shrubs, 4-page folder, 5½x11½ inches.

M. Herb, Naples, Italy. — Wholesale price list on flower seeds, 1945 crop; 6 pages, 8½x11½ inches.

Conard-Pyle Co., West Grove, Pa.—Retail catalog of roses, chrysanthemums, delphiniums and hardy perennials, profusely illustrated in color: 32 pages, 61/2x10 inches.

McDonnell Nursery, Oakland, Cal.— Retail catalog of flowering shrubs, trees, perennial plants, fruit trees and small fruits; illustrated in color, 48 pages, 73/4x103/4 inches.

W. A. Natorp Co., Cincinnati, O.—Retail catalog of choice evergreens, broadleaved evergreen shrubs, ornamental and flowering trees, flowering shrubs and hybrid tea roses; illustrated in color, 12 pages, 9x12 inches.

Richards' Gardens, Fort Collins, Colo.— Retail catalog and planting guide of evergreens, deciduous trees and shrubs, roses, perennials and garden supplies; illustrated. 8½x11 inches.

Corliss Bros., Inc., Gloucester, Mass.— Retail catalog of nursery stock, with illustrations, 64 pages and cover.

I. W. Scott Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.—Retail catalog of seeds, summer-flowering bulbs, gardening supplies and equipment; illustrated, 92 pages and cover, 8x10 inches.

Bobbink & Atkins, East Rutherford, N. J.—Retail catalog of roses, hardy perennials, vines, rock garden plants, low evergreen and flowering shrubs, handsomely illustrated in color, 56 pages, 9x12 inches.

Bristol Nurseries, Inc., Bristol, Conn.—Retail catalog of chrysanthemums, hardy perennials and roses, illustrated in color, 16 pages, 8½x11 inches.

Bergeson Nursery, Fertile, Minn.—Retail catalog of small fruits, shade and ornamental trees, evergreens and perennials; 16 pages and cover, 3½x8 inches.

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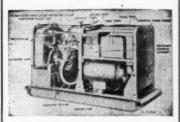
Keith Plant Nursery, Sawyer, Mich.—Retail catalog of berry plants and small fruits; 24 pages, 53/4x83/4 inches.

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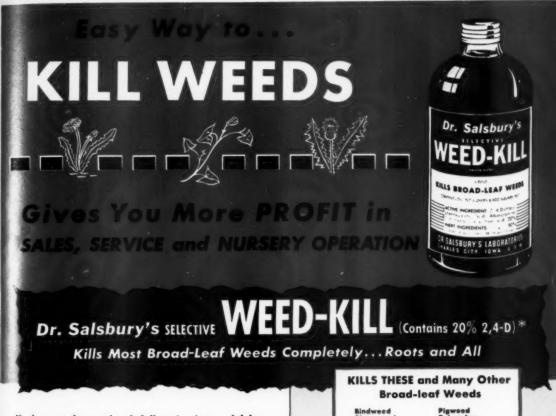
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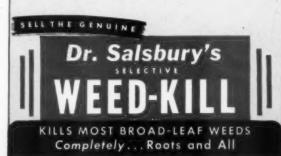
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